

December 7, 2016

NH Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301
Re: SEC Docket #2015-02

Dear Honorable Committee:

I have been reading the public comment section of the SEC Docket No. 2015-02 and trying to understand why this project has been shut down twice already and that it is lacking public support. I believe some public comments are misleading, unfounded and create a negative stigma in the community about any kind of wind energy.

For example, a common section that has been mentioned is the effect on habitat in the project area and whether habitat fragmentation will occur. One comment suggested that the applicant was arrogant when studying the wildlife impact of the project. The project only studied the impact on avian, vernal pools and wetlands. The reason for only studying these impacts is due to the interest of the Site Evaluation Committee who explicitly stated during the 2012 hearings that, "no party has suggested that wildlife, other than avian species and bats, will be harmed or killed as a result of the siting, construction and operation of the Facility." This impact study on habitat is still valid and, in fact, the project is smaller and less impactful than the 2012 version. In fact, the amount of land that will be used by the Antrim Wind turbines is less than one percent of the total project area which is 12,994 acres in total.

Another example of misleading information and contradicting statements comes from a group that plans to stop wind energy in every state in the nation. The group states that Antrim Wind LLC did not study the adverse effects on wildlife species or the natural environment. This statement is entirely misleading because the SEC, for the past two project reviews has accepted the studies conducted and the expert analysis researched by the Antrim Wind LLC in these sections. This is the specific reason why the NH Fish & Game did not request another study. The comment is based on the belief that Antrim Wind LLC is deceiving the SEC process and the people of New Hampshire by leaving out key information. Antrim Wind LLC conducted numerous scientific studies and produced testimony from experts. They are not the deceptive organization in this matter, NH Wind Watch is. The wind project will provide clean energy for people in New Hampshire and can be a beneficial cornerstone project that allows more renewable energy options for New Hampshire citizens.

I sincerely support the Antrim Wind LLC project and their motives,

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