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Sent: Friday, March 06, 2009 12:14 PM

Subject: Environmental Impact Study

Dear Evalyn & Scott:

As time nears for NH's Site Evaluation Committee to begin hearings on the Granite Reliable Power Phillips Brook area wind farm application, I would like to request that you (as my representatives) take whatever steps are appropriate to ensure that an Environmental Impact Study be performed by the US Army Corps of Engineers before this project is allowed to move forward.

The evidence is clear that this huge industrial wind facility will cause irreversible and permanent damage to an area of our state that should remain unspoiled. When you read the scope of this project, (1) at high elevations where massive soil, substratum, and bedrock disruption will be necessary for the turbines to stand, (2) on slopes where large and intrusive roads (42 miles of 36-foot wide spiral road) will be built to haul equipment to those sites, (3) from top to bottom where 9 miles of clear-cut will be necessary to accommodate transmission lines, (4) in surrounding wetlands which will need to be filled in to accommodate construction, and (5) in the watershed where particulate and nutrient intrusion will most certainly find their way into pristine brooks and streams that feed both the Connecticut and Androscoggin River systems, the negative impact should be apparent to anyone who takes the time to read documents posted at the SEC's web site. For that matter, it should also be apparent to anyone capable of basic common-sense reasoning and thought.

The very actions by GRP, who filed a motion citing a clause in NH's Endangered Species Conservation Law and used it in an attempt to strike unfavorable (to them) testimony of Fish & Game Department wildlife biologists Will Staats and Jillian Kelly, speaks volumes about their callous disregard for NH's natural resources and their determination to have their own way strictly for self-enrichment purposes.

Based on all that, there is no doubt in my mind that an EIS is not only advisable, but to not do one would be *negligent* under even the most lenient of moral assessments. If our NH government will not act in behalf of it's citizens and the wildlife it is supposed to protect, then please insist that the Army Corps weigh in on the matter.

This project and its application process have been to date "stealth" in nature and a "railroad" job by our state and county governments. Too much is at stake for our region and state to allow such a massive disturbance of wild country to occur without further assessment simply in the interest of "streamlining" the process. The people of NH and the wildlife who share this beautiful region with us deserve much better than that.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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