

Dear Doug:

I have not made a hasty decision in sending this email off to you and the parties involved. I did seek guidance from my local attorney before sending this out. It was a difficult decision for me to bring this forward because I have never experienced an episode in my professional life that occurred on Monday evening, March 23, 2009.

I attended the hearing for the public on this evening. It was a hearing concerning the Granite Reliable Power's application for a wind facility in Coos County. I felt relatively comfortable about attending as I was not compelled to speak. While I was waiting for the hearing to begin, I was cornered by one of the consultants for Granite Reliable Power. The gentleman was Stephen M. LaFrance, President and CEO of Horizons Engineering located in Littleton, New Hampshire. He is a local, and being a local myself, I know who he is but do rub elbows with the same social circle as he does.

I was not alone at the meeting, an acquaintance accompanied me to the hearing. She was to my left. Next to her left was an empty chair which Mr. LaFrance sat down and proceeded to interrogate me, with an innocent victim in the middle, concerning the settlement agreement he had signed with the New Hampshire Board of Licensure for Professional misconduct.

He insisted on knowing why I would send this information to the SEC and interested parties. I actually felt sorry for him, as a mother would. I explained to him that he owned a company and understands the ethics involved in his profession and should be self explanatory.

Well, Mr. LaFrance was embarrassing himself and me by his continued harassment displacing his anger for his shortcomings directly onto me. I could not give him a right answer. I felt as I did when my son would look at me and say why are you taking my car away from me for a week? And my reply would be because there are consequences to your actions in this world and you must be a responsible individual.

He did not let up until I kept giving him the same answer over and over again. This is Noble Environmental's professional consultant working on a 250 million dollar project. He does not understand consequences and he certainly does not understand the magnitude of this project. This project is way over his head. He is thinking as he does when he has jobs before the Coos County Commissioners. He does not have to do the work because nothing will be asked. I tried to explain to him that he was in the big leagues now he must be responsible. After he left he stood in the room behind Mr. Iacopino and glared at me for the rest of the evening. It is not uncommon for people to behave this way in Coos County. Especially ones that are tied to our County Commissioners. You either beat to the same drum or you will be financially compromised.

I am not fearful, but it does concern me, they cannot get to me financially. They can get to me in other ways. Mr. Lyons has a way of intimidating people or try to convince them he will take care of them financially. I don't think this is working for him or Mr. LaFrance. His bank well has dried up. The County Commissioners, Councilmen and Representatives will only beat to their drum as long as they are compensated.

It is a sad day for me to have to be subject to this embarrassing and harassing behavior. I involved myself in this process because I care about my County and its financial well being in tourism. A project of this magnitude has the distasteful ring of "a fly by night firm"; "bloody scum buckets". How sad this is. They are not professional and they certainly are not ethical.

I am making you aware of this information because I am a party to this application process and will remain honest and forthright with my information. I will not hold my attorney in abeyance should I receive any further pressure or threats by any consultants or employees of Noble Environmental Power or Granite Reliable Power. I will not be bought off.

Please see to it that I may feel comfortable in my position in this process and please call the dogs off. I must remain in this process, I never give up on something I have made an honest commitment to.

Thank you,

Kathlyn Keene, Intervenor  
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