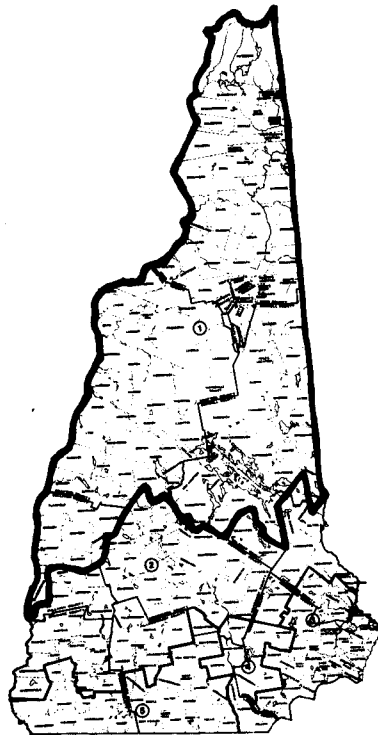


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March 30, 2009



Mr. Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
NH Site Evaluation Committee
NH Dept. of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0095

RE: Granite Reliable Power, LLC Windpark
Docket No. 2008-04

Dear Commissioner Burack:

I am writing to you to indicate my full support for the Granite Reliable Power Windpark currently pending before a sub-committee of the Site Evaluation Committee. I believe that this proposed windpark will bring many benefits to New Hampshire's North Country and to the state. I have worked with representative of Noble Environmental Power, which has been actively pursuing this project in NH for the last few years. I believe that this company has the experience and capability to finance, build and operate this project. It is a company with experience in financing and building similar projects in other states and it has shown itself to be a good neighbor.

I am familiar with the report on economic benefits of this project that Professor Ross Gittel has prepared and I believe that he is correct in his assessment that this project will bring a number of direct and indirect benefits to the North Country, our state and the region. In addition, I believe it is important that we support the building of renewable energy projects like this one that will produce electricity without depleting non-renewable sources and without further contributing to global warming. This project uses a plentiful indigenous resource.

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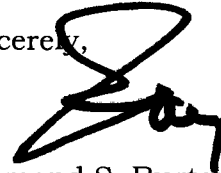
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Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee

Finally, I want to point out that in northern NH a number of significant parcels of land have been preserved, which I support. I do think, however, that it is important that there be a balance between commercial development and conservation. What I particularly like about this project is the fact that it combines important energy-related commercial development with the preservation of a significant number of acres of land through the mitigation plan. I believe that this proposal strikes the right balance.

I urge your speedy approval. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray S. Burton', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor

cc: Thomas B. Getz, Chairman of the Site Evaluation Subcommittee