

March 30, 2009

Thomas S Burack, Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee
NH Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Road, Box 95
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RE: Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC
Docket No. 2008-04

Dear Chairman Burack:

I would like to express my fears concerning the proposed industrial wind facility for the area known as the Phillips Brook tract and Bayroot parcel in northern Coos County. I know the area very well and I fear the damage will be extreme to the old growth high elevation spruce fir forests, its environment and the watersheds. I will let the NH Department of Fish and Game's Wildlife Biologists, here in District one and other organizations discuss concerns about impacts to the wildlife and their habitat. However, after reading through much of the documents it is obvious that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be done by the Army Corps of Engineers.

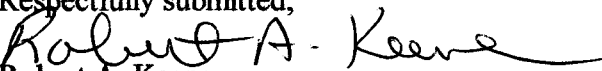
I am not opposed to wind power as long as it is sited in appropriate locations, such as deserts, prairies, and oceans. Since the mill closings in northern New Hampshire the tourist segment of our economy has become even more important to sustain our residents. To site an immense wind project right smack in the middle of the "Great North Woods" makes no sense to Coos residents. Especially to approve it just because its being sold as "Renewal" energy! It seems to me that Bio-Mass plants would be a "No Brainer" in this region. The loggers, wood jobbers and related businesses are all in place waiting to be put back to work!

As a sales representative in this area, I can tell you that this will impact large businesses such as the hotels, motels right down to the small mom and pop stores. You can include my profession also.

The North Country Council and the Northern Forest Sustainable Economy Initiative are focused on both renewal energies and in keeping forest as forests for wood products as well as keeping quality of life needed to attract new business and tourism to the North County.

In closing, I would like to ask the Committee to vote your conscience and not bow down to political pressure from our Governor.

Respectfully submitted,


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