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RE: Groton Wind LLC (SEC #2010-01)

Dear Mr. Iacopino:

As you are aware, NH Fish and Game staff met with Iberdrola Renewables (IRI) in December 2010 regarding issues that were identified in the Department's Final report and Recommendations, dated November 5th, 2010 for the Groton Wind project. A majority of the outstanding issues identified in the Final report had to do with post-construction requirements involving bats. At the conclusion of the December meeting, Iberdrola drafted a memo outlining the IRI commitments to the required post construction studies, which was circulated to the Department staff involved in the meeting for approval.

The Department has agreed to the post construction studies outlined in the IRI Avian and Bat Protection Plan (ABPP) protocols and concurs with the information submitted by Iberdrola to the SEC, as a Memorandum dated December 22, 2010. Highlights of this agreement include the following expectations:

- 1) IRI will commit to bat acoustic detection monitoring during the first year of post construction and will attempt to correlate the activity data with post construction fatality numbers. This study will be coordinated and discussed with NHFG staff for input;
- 2) IRI is committed to continue coordination with NHFG throughout the life of the project;
- 3) Baseline and operational monitoring will be conducted to collect information that will be used to implement adaptive management actions to minimize or avoid risks and identify mitigation measures, if necessary;
- 4) IRI has committed to conducting mortality surveys through the life of the project as described in the Groton Wind NHSEC application and the ABPP, using baseline and operational monitoring;
- 5) IRI will provide a yearly mortality report to NHFG including both baseline and operational monitoring and will discuss any concerns with NHFG regarding the mortality data including the need for adaptive management measures, if necessary.

I hope that the SEC committee members find this information helpful. If there are any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-271-1138. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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