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RE: SEC Docket # 2010-01, Application of Groton Wind, LLC

Dear Committee Members:

We would like to express our strong support for the proposed wind farm on Tenney and Fletcher Mountains in Groton. We have been following the permitting process since last March and are rather surprised at some of the arguments being used in an attempt to derail this project. It seems that the cry for finding alternative energy sources that are non-carbon based is loudest when that source is not within our own backyards. There is impact to our insatiable need for energy, but the impact of a wind farm overlooking the Baker River Valley is certainly minimal in comparison to the benefits it provides. We have watched the development of the Plymouth area and along Tenney Mountain Highway in particular; from one shopping center, a few businesses, one traffic light, a few farms and a corn field to dozens of businesses and enough traffic to require four lights. How perfect to look up upon the Tenney and Fletcher ridgelines to see twenty-four turbines standing tall, producing clean, green energy from a source that is natural, infinite, and local! A trip to the Lempster Wind Farm confirmed that the location, layout and size of this project are right for this area. It allows us to be a part of helping to reduce our carbon footprint and still maintain our rural quality of life. We could have a discussion concerning the latest events in the Middle East or Japan, but that is hardly necessary. Everyone knows that a change in the way we meet our energy needs is necessary. The Groton Wind Project is a small yet significant part of this change, providing an opportunity to lessen our dependence upon coal, oil, other fossil fuels, and nuclear energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We know that as you consider the facts, testimony and comments that have been presented, you will make a decision that is good for the community as a whole and keeps the big picture in mind.

Sincerely,
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