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Dear Members of the SEC:

I apologize in advance for not making my concerns about the Groton Wind Project known to you sooner, but I pray that you will consider my concerns, still, at this late date. For the following reasons, I am against the Groton Wind Project.

My name is Omer C. Ahern, Jr. of 97 Cummings Hill Road in Plymouth, New Hampshire. My wife and I own and work our Certified Tree Farm, on Glove Hollow Brook and Glynn Pond, so-called, off Cummings Hill Road in Plymouth, not only for timber and firewood production, but also for wild life habitat (moose, deer, black bear, wild turkey, woodland ducks, beaver, etc.), and public recreation.

According to the Plymouth Town History, and the records at the Plymouth Historical Society, our property is also the site of the first "circular saw mill" (water powered) in New Hampshire. My wife and I have discussed the possibility of applying to the National Register of Historic Places to see if our "water powered saw mill site" might qualify as a registered "historic site". I am also a Co-Trustee of the Ahern Family Trust, which owns approximately 200 acres of woodlands off Rte. 3, the Daniel Webster Highway, and Cummings Hill Road, adjacent to our "water powered saw mill site", and it may be, from the high point of our Family Trust lands, that our property would have a view of the wind turbines as proposed to be sited.

I am a fourth generation Ahern to have farmed this land here in Plymouth since 1897. Our land and how my family, as good stewards of this land, have respected the land and preserved its history over these many years, is a testament to what this land, and all land in the Plymouth-Pemi-Baker Valley, has meant to many generations of hard working farm families. The Groton Wind Project as proposed, with its huge wind turbines, gigantic towers fragmenting the countryside, and ecologically suspect mechanical lubricants, etc., will result in irreparable harm to the quality of life on our farms and homes, not only for our families, now, but for future generations to come.

New Hampshire does not need this energy, now, or into the future. Wind energy, and especially the little amount reportedly proposed to be generated by the Groton Wind Project, is not the the type of energy that is needed by our Northeast region. If anything, we should be looking to micro-hydro power from our many streams and rivers of this area, and biomass from our local forests and woodlands, as more reliable forms of generating sustainable, renewable, "green" energy. We already have the reliable water and our local forests and woodlands are right now providing the biomass to two (2) plants in Alexandria and Bridgewater that, right now, are having difficulty selling the "power" that they even now produce.. Local micro-hydro and biomass generated electricity provide good paying incomes for local loggers, local foresters, local support businesses, and local "power-plant" technicians (and their families), and also provides much needed income to "real estate tax poor" land owners who need a market for their low grade forest products.

America must no longer allow foreign entities to "control" the supply of energy that America and her people need to be strong, independent, employed, productive, and a continued viable economic powerhouse in the world marketplace. The Groton Wind Project is wrong on so many fronts that in the best interests of all concerned, it must not be allowed to be permitted nor authorized to be constructed.

Please deny the Groton Wind Project their requested permit.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Yours in Service,  
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