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Department of Environmental Services  
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Re: Tenney & Fletcher Mountain Wind Farms

I am a Bristol resident with a home on a hilltop at the southeastern end of Newfound Lake with a clear view of Tenney Mountain to our north, probably 10 miles distant. The Tenney Mountain ridgeline is part of a very clean, enjoyable view that includes a lone fire tower. It is part of a marvelous lake, and granite and wooded mountain/hilltop panorama. This is why we selected this site. It provides an unmarred, unequalled, beautiful vista that can also be seen on the approach to Bristol when driving north on I93. We do not wish to have nature's scenic beauty ruined by the introduction of ridgeline wind turbines with their standards rising 410 feet and large rotor blades rising still higher.

Such a wind farm will also be unsightly for people living in the surrounding communities of Hebron, Alexandria, Groton, Rumney, the Baker Valley and western Plymouth.

This additional source of electricity is not needed, especially with the new delivery of power from Hydro-Quebec coming into the new converting / distribution facilities in Franklin, NH to be operational in 2015. Why ruin what NH stands for and the reason NH attracts tourists, its primary industry, by ruining nature's natural beauty, especially when there's no need to do so.

Besides lowering property values (& likely lowering your primary source of tax revenue) you are trying to introduce a source of energy that is undependable (only works when the wind blows), may not be available during peak periods, produces energy that can not be stored, is more expensive (requires subsidies), and according to the news article might be turned off entirely during seasonal bird migration in fall and spring. Today's wind farms are all subsidized and that's added cost to the tax payers. See WSJ article of 11/2/10 "Campaigns Rap Wind Power as Failed Stimulus;" and IBD articles titled "Bailing Out Wind" and "Gone With The Wind" that report wind farms in Texas cost rate and tax payers substantial increased dollars for "transmission costs, production costs, subsidies, economic disruption costs, and grid management costs." See also the special issue of Forbes magazine "Energy + Genius" of November 28, 2008, that reports wind energy is not an economically competitive source of electricity.

You complain about tearing down forests for new rights of way (ROW) for transmission lines yet you want to run new transmission lines to a new conversion plant in Holderness? And separately new roads through the forests to each and every wind tower required for their regular inspection and maintenance? A new, unnecessary source of electricity that will ultimately increase the homeowner's electric bill doesn't make any sense especially when there are cheaper, long-term, just as green new sources in the wings that can use existing ROW's. Newfound Lake is the most pristine lake in NH. Would you seek to ruin the appearance of the surrounding landscape for campers, visitors, canoers, kayakers, boaters and hikers? Rotating turbine blades will kill Falcons, Eagles, Loons, other birds and bats. This is an unnecessary, ill-conceived project that needs to be terminated now. We hope you'll stop and reconsider all the detrimental aspects of this proposed non essential, non economically competitive project.

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