

Department of Environmental Services  
Site Evaluation Committee  
Thomas Burack, Chairman  
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March 18, 2013

Dear Chairman Burack,

I am writing to address my concern regarding Groton Wind's failure to provide year-round access for emergency vehicles.

My home is located approximately 1½ miles from the east turbines. We are separated only by forest. The area is densely wooded and the terrain steep in areas, with no road access.

I attended the December 4, 2012 Groton Selectmen's meeting. Ed Cherian, Iberdrola Representative, also attended this meeting. He stated Groton Wind had purchased a Tucker (snow cat) to access the wind turbine facility because it was cost prohibitive to plow and sand the access roads.

I attended the January 29, 2013 Groton Selectmen's meeting. Doran Emmet and Ryan Haley, Iberdrola employees also attended. Mr. Emmet said in referencing other wind farms, "they have on site emergency access and vehicles on site that address emergency, that plain covers it". "There are other wind farms Iberdrola Renewables owns where you cannot plow roads for permit issues and environmental reasons". He stated "even with a 15% grade on these roads and even if you plow and sand, that does not assure you are going to get an emergency vehicle to the turbine sites". This was not the premise for which Groton Wind's certificate approval was based.

I attended the SEC Hearing of Groton Wind on February 19, 2013, at which Mr. Robert Scott referenced the application section 8.2.1 stating the Groton Wind access roads would be constructed and maintained to accommodate year-round access to each wind turbine at a level that permits passage and turnaround of emergency response vehicles.

I am very concerned in the event of a fire at the facility during periods in which the roads remain unplowed. The turbines will be inaccessible to fire fighting equipment. A Tucker can efficiently carry limited personnel and limited gear in a timely manner.

I am disappointed Iberdrola would place financial concern before the safety of residents of surrounding communities.

This is contradictory to Iberdrola Renewables Statement of EHS Policy – "People & the Environment First", which was filed in the Groton Wind docket on March 26, 2010:

Ensure that public safety, security of our people and assets, conservation, and environmental stewardship are fundamental to our operations;

Furthermore:

This policy commits the company to its core belief, which is integral to our business philosophy and success, that an excellent environmental, health, and safety culture amongst all employees will deliver superior performance that protects our employees, contractors, the public, and the environment.

Please assure Iberdrola is held accountable to the conditions set forth in their application. Groton Wind's hearings and the SEC's subsequent issuing of a certificate were based on this application.

Thank you,

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