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Mr. Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o NH Department of Environmental Services
PO Box 95
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Docket Number 2011-02, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

Dear Mr. Burack,

We live in Hancock, a town adjacent to Antrim, N.H. Our property and that of several other residents in Hancock is not far from the referenced Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (AWE) site. Several Hancock homes are within a two-mile distance. Our purpose for writing to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee concerns two points:

- The preservation to the maximum extent of local governmental and legislative body control over projects that affect their residents' health, welfare, and economic benefit or harm; and
- The lack of a verifiable track record by the petitioning company.

Local Control –

- AWE has not submitted an application to the Town of Antrim for a wind energy project. Therefore, its petition to your Committee is extremely premature.
- In addition, the Town of Antrim is actively working on the development of a plan to include renewable energy in its Zoning Ordinance.
- Any consideration of this as-yet-undefined project by an outside organization strips the local jurisdiction of its ability to make a sound, reasoned, decision after researching and debating all angles: health, noise, property values, wildlife, rural character, quality of life, industrial development, energy.
- The interested parties must weigh these factors locally – once a legitimate application is placed before them.

No Track Record – AWE does not have one single completed project available for inspection. Should the State of New Hampshire encourage industrial developers **without a verifiable track record** to use lesser influential towns as their proving ground? Or put differently, is there any valid reason for AWE to use the residents of Antrim as “guinea pigs”?

We urge your committee to reject any further consideration of this AWE petition. The residents of Antrim are mature adults who can reach a decision on their own. Local control is key to the quality of life in New Hampshire.

Yours sincerely,

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