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Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
NH Site Evaluation Committee
NH Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, Box 95
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RE: Docket # 2011-2

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to you in support of the NH Site Evaluation Committee to take jurisdiction of the Reviewing, Approval, Monitoring, and Operation of this renewable energy Facility.

The reason I am writing is because I am a large land owner in Antrim, NH. And so is my mother. I have spent a lot of time in Antrim NH as a kid growing up and now as an adult enjoying the property.

The property my mother owns (357+/- acres) has been in the family since 1954 when my grandfather bought the property. We have been great stewards of the land by allowing hiking, snowmobiling, hunting, and all kinds of outdoor activities. We also manage the property for forest management as well, and have listed it as a Certified Tree Farm. The forest management has allowed us to maintain the property and generate income to offset the property tax burden; my mother is one that is land rich but cash poor. She happens to own the top of the mountain where this facility is being considered. After careful consideration we have entered into an agreement with Eolian Renewable Energy LLC. By doing this we will be diversifying the income between forest management and this renewable energy facility, basically allowing us to keep the larger portion of the land open for the possibility of future conservation.

The property I personally own (182+/- acres) I bought roughly 10 years ago primarily for forest management and to possibly build my retirement home. I too own a portion of land where the project is being considered. Seeing the value of this renewable energy facility I have also entered into an agreement with Eolian Renewable Energy LLC. I believe this project serves the greater good for the State of NH, the land owners, and the Town of Antrim, NH.

I believe that by the NH Site Evaluation Committee taking jurisdiction of the Reviewing, Approval, Monitoring, and Operation of this renewable energy facility because of the expertise they have available to them for making this a model facility in New Hampshire.

Please give this careful consideration when deciding who would be best suited to over see such a project, thank you.

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Land Owner in Antrim, NH