April 30, 2012

The Honorable Amy L. Ignatius, Vice Chairman New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee c/o New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

Re: Docket No. 2012-01 Application of Antrim Wind LLC

Dear Vice Chairman Ignatius:

This letter is sent in accordance with the SEC Order and Notice of March 20, 2012 and N.H. Administrative Rule Site 202.11. Enclosed, please find the Industrial Wind Action Group, Inc.'s petition to intervene in the above referenced proceeding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 603-838-6588 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:llinowes@windaction.org">llinowes@windaction.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Lisa Linowes for the Industrial Wind Action Group

cc: Parties to Docket 2012-01

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

RE: Application of Antrim Wind, LLC for Certificate of site and	)
facility to construct up to 30 MW of wind electric generation in	)
the town of Antrim, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire and	)
operate the same (SEC Docket 2012-01).	)

#### PETITION TO INTERVENE PRO SE OF INDUSTRIAL WIND ACTION GROUP

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Rules Site 202.11, Industrial Wind Action Group ("IWA") hereby petitions to intervene *pro se* in the above-referenced proceeding.

In support of its Petition to Intervene, IWA offers the following arguments:

# (1.) IWA can demonstrate a substantial interest which may be affected by the outcome of the proceeding.

IWA is a national organization comprised of subscribers who reside throughout the United States, including neighbors to the lands on which the wind electric generation facility and associated transmission and interconnection facilities proposed by Antrim Wind, LLC will be constructed. Our subscribers number nearly 3,000 with the majority residing in the eastern region of the United States including New Hampshire and throughout New England. IWA subscribers have a strong interest in ensuring wind energy proposals are considered in a deliberate and comprehensive manner with a keen focus on the impacts and costs of such development. Up to a third of IWA subscribers reside within the ISO-NE control area and will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of this proceeding.

IWA has a substantial interest in issues about which findings are required under NH RSA 162-h related to investment in or construction of the wind-turbine facility proposed by Antrim Wind. The issues are as follows:

A. Investment in or construction of the wind electric generation facility and associated transmission and interconnection facilities proposed by Antrim Wind may have an unreasonable adverse effect on:

- Aesthetics and scenic and natural beauty, including undue adverse impacts to lands and waters, and to the views and enjoyment of those residing in the State of New Hampshire and to visitors to the State.
- 2. The natural environment including but not limited to migratory or resident wildlife, bat and bird populations; plant communities; forest health and fragmentation; interior forest habitat; water, wetland, or watershed resources; state- or federally-listed species.
- 3. The public health and safety of those residing in the State of New Hampshire and to visitors to the State.
- B. Investment in or construction of the wind electric generation facility will not meet the need for present and future demand for adequate and reliable electric power.

### (2.) The interest of IWA will not be adequately protected by other parties.

In exercising its discretion, we respectfully ask that the Committee consider whether the party's interest will be adequately protected by other parties. IWA has not taken a position in favor of or opposed to wind energy development, however, the organization has raised concerns as to whether the benefits of these projects justify the costs, both in money, reliability of our electric system, and impacts to the land and surrounding properties. Given this stance, we do not believe that any other party to this proceeding can adequately represent the interests of IWA subscribers.

### (3.) There are no alternative means by which the interest of IWA can be protected.

IWA represents individuals and groups whose interests span both the immediate and regional resources impacted by the project. IWA does not anticipate that any party to this proceeding can represent the interests of IWA's subscribers. Further, there are no alternative proceedings in which IWA's substantial interest in the outcome of this matter can be protected. It is appropriate, therefore, for IWA to participate in this proceeding in order to provide information on whether this project will serve the interests of our subscribers.

(4.) The intervention of IWA will be in the interest of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings by allowing the intervention.

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Pursuant to the SEC Order of March 20, 2012, IWA files this Petition to Intervene by the deadline set forth by the Committee for Docket 2008-04 and requests that it be permitted to intervene with full standing to participate in all phases and activities of the proceeding. IWA has experience in these matters and has participated in similar proceedings in New Hampshire and Vermont. We respect the importance of conducting this proceeding in an orderly manner that will not unduly delay the Committee or the parties in reaching an outcome. IWA is prepared to work closely with other parties to the proceeding in the interest of maintaining order and respectfully offers that the IWA's participation, if permitted, would be in the interest of justice.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Parties to Docket 2012-01

I hereby certify that, on this <u>30th</u> day of <u>April, 2012</u> I have sent the within Petition for Intervention via electronic mail or first class mail to the persons named on the Service List of this Docket.

Lisa Linowes