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Michael J. Iacopino
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85 Brook Street
Manchester, NH 03104

RE: Antrim Wind Energy, LLC SEC #2012-01
Final Report and Permit Conditions

Dear Mr. Iacopino:

Staff from the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department (NHF&G) have had an opportunity to review the Antrim Wind Energy (AWE) projects' application for completeness. The Department found that the bird and bat surveys complied with the Department's requests for pre-construction bird and bat activity surveys, which were identified through initial consultations with the Department.

However, the Department is not in a position to submit its' final report on the AWE projects' Avian and Bat Protection plan (ABPP) and/or prepared to submit SEC permit conditions because of a recent development at the Lempster Wind project, involving a State-endangered bird. The events surrounding this incident will need to be evaluated and recommendations developed for all wind energy facilities in the future. A draft report of the bird incident was received by the Department on August 29th, 2012; however, staff from the Department have not had an opportunity to evaluate the information prior to today's State agency report deadline.

The Department understands that the project's schedule has been extended, which should give staff an adequate amount of time to evaluate the possible ramifications of this bird incident and this project. If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Henderson at 271-3511 or by email at: carol.henderson@wildlife.nh.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Glenn Normandeau
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