

December 4, 2012

Amy L. Ignatius, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

Pursuant to Site Evaluation Committee Docket No.2012-01, I, Mark Schaefer respectfully submit our family position on Antrim Winds proposed industrial scale wind farm. We are 28 year residents of Antrim residing at 128 Salmon Brook Road, our property directly abuts AW's leased land. The SEC granted us intervener status. We were denied direct testimony because we did not file pre-filed testimony. That decision was based on direct advice from Mr. Icapino, who said we could still testify at the appropriate time.

The land we own was purchased with protective covenants insuring no over development, preserving its natural beauty for not just us but posterity. My wife and I moved to this area for its rare undeveloped beauty, a rarity in southern New Hampshire. We have raised our four children, two of whom were born here, with the belief we would pass on this unspoiled land to them and possibly future generations. The other factor that protects this area is the Rural Conservation zoning Antrim adopted over two decades ago, an incredibly foresighted decision. Despite two ballot votes the RCD still is law. The allowed use of a public utility does not include a private for-profit intermittent energy vendor such as Eolian. Their own projected 40% yearly output does not even meet the criteria of a full time supplier. The notion that intermittent wind power will reduce the need for coal, gas or nuclear is false. New Hampshire is already a net exporter of electricity, sacrificing our quality of life for the wasteful consumption of distant others. The proven solution to our society's gluttonous waste of energy, in all forms is simple tried and true conservation, waste not and want not. To allow a non-resident, for-profit group to forever scar this area we have to live in daily and planned to retire in is nothing short of taking our constitutional rights from us.

On Salmon Brook Road we have several retirees who came here after a lifetime of hard work to enjoy and reside away from industrial chaos. They felt secure knowing they moved to a town that actually protected large areas with rural conservation laws. Please try to put yourselves in their shoes and please try to do unto others as yourselves. After 28 years of toil, sacrifice and property taxes, we as well as many others will be absolutely heartbroken and outraged if you allow this project, we live here you do not.

In closing ,my family and I ask you to put the local residents who have lifetimes of rooted interests and not the means to abandon their homesteads, ahead of some privateer's profit and loss statement. The green washing mantra of industrial wind must be seen for what it is, a smoke and mirror illusion to cover a corporate balance sheet, greed before good, profit over people and nature.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
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