

SEC
Antrim Wind Project
Concord NH

February 5, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a homeowner on Gregg Lake, having spent a large part of the last 30 years there, mostly during three seasons. As a member of the Gregg Lake Association (GLA) and a current officer, I know that each of the 45+ member families regard their connection to Antrim, the lake and its surroundings with the utmost respect and appreciation. Many of the homes there are rich in history, many built more than 100 years ago when the lake boasted resorts, summer camps and more. Some are still handed down from one generation to the next.

Last June, at the annual meeting of the GLA, with attendance by roughly one-third of the 45+ member families, the wind project was front and center on the agenda. Most were amazed at what had already transpired and wondered what role we could play. After much discussion, a vote was taken to petition to intervene, without taking a stand pro or con on the project itself. Since I was the acting GLA president at the time, I submitted the petition on July 23, 2012. The GLA, through its five officers, were granted intervenor status.

But here's the conundrum. I can only speak for myself in the matter of the Antrim Wind Energy project, as the GLA has not taken an official stand for or against. As officers, we tried to reach out to the dozens of families on the lake via e-mail and word of mouth (this does not include the White Birch Point Association which includes a few dozen more families). By petitioning to intervene, we responded to the GLA's mandate and opened the door for members to speak, ask questions, respond to the project, and attend hearings. To my knowledge, few (or perhaps none) have taken that opportunity.

At late August's GLA picnic, the presiding officer asked members to once again get comments to any of the officers rather than hash out the pros and cons during a lunchtime social gathering. No one sent anything to me, and I don't believe any other officers received statements. So you can now see that I have to speak for myself, and myself only.

Members of the Site Evaluation Committee - I respect the work you have been doing and will continue to do in order to fulfill your mandate. I attended one session in October and have been diligently reading the minutes of each hearing. You have a daunting task before you. From my understanding, this is what I see: so much of the testimony is conflicting. A consultant says one thing, and on questioning, there is uncertainty, another opinion. Someone disputes someone else's facts. Who is right? You are being asked to extrapolate data from one situation to the actual Antrim project, with no proof that the outcomes will yield that same result. You can make

inferences based on experience with other wind farms, but only to a certain degree. In fact, this is the only wind farm project of its kind, in this specific place, with this particular mix of terrain, habitat, turbine size, and housing stock. It is unique, and therefore has to be viewed through that lens.

I am in awe of the Antrim residents who have spoken so eloquently at the hearings and in their submitted statements. Their arguments are persuasive in this seemingly David and Goliath situation. While most of us are generally in favor of wind energy, like anything else, it has to be in the right place, with the right conditions present. I question how you can support, one hundred percent, a 10-turbine wind farm with all the uncertainty about its impacts on human, animal and ecological life. It would seem to me that even the slightest amount of doubt is not enough to support this massive project. I ask you, as stewards for this precious land, to please keep this in mind as you weigh the risks and benefits, and deliberate the outcome of this project.

Thank you.

Martha Osler
175 Gregg Lake Road
Antrim NH 03440