June 3, 2013



New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Attn: Ms. Jane Murray, Secretary 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302

Re: SEC Docket 2012-1 – Application of Antrim Wind Energy LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility

Dear Ms. Murray:

Reed & Reed, Inc. respectfully submits the following letter in response to the SEC's recent decision not to issue a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Antrim Project and urges the Committee to reconsider. As an experienced heavy civil contractor, Reed and Reed has been the balance of plant ("BOP") contractor for over twelve ridgeline wind projects in New England totaling over 556 megawatts of installed capacity and 278 individual turbine installations. In New Hampshire specifically, Reed and Reed has performed the following wind farm related services:

- Lempster Wind BOP Contractor
- Groton Wind Turbine erection

We believe the SEC's decision on Antrim Project departs significantly from prior precedent and establishes a new aesthetic standard that threatens this project and future ones as well. Our experience over the past seven years in the wind energy business has allowed us to see first hand the benefits that a strong wind energy sector can bring to New England states — particularly in terms of significant economic development at both the regional and local levels. Whether measured through job creation, local income and spending, increased tax revenues, expanded tax base, or direct and indirect investment, wind energy has been an economic stimulator in recent years at a time when most of the economy was stagnating.

Antrim Wind will create jobs. Our experience has shown that a majority of the construction wages on the Antrim Project will be paid to New Hampshire residents.

Reed & Reed has worked with Antrim Wind Energy ("AWE") over the past three years in a consultative manner. We have reviewed constructability, and prepared detailed budgets and schedules for the design and construction phases of their project. We know and have done business with members of AWE's management team and we are looking forward to working with this team again on the Antrim Project.

Our review of the Antrim Wind project from a construction perspective is that this is a well-conceived, constructible and competitive project led by an experienced management team. We have confidence in the experience of this team to complete the necessary development tasks, to close construction financing, and to manage the construction and operation of this facility.

We urge the committee to reconsider its Decision to deny Antrim Wind a certificate. From our past experience, there is no basis for distinguishing the Antrim project from other wind projects

that have been approved by the NH SEC in the past. Denying the Antrim Wind application based on aesthetic impacts – a standard that is undefined and therefore subjective – seems very arbitrary. In addition, it creates great uncertainty regarding the New Hampshire business environment in general, and for renewable energy projects in particular. Developers need certainty and consistency with regard to standards that will be applied to applications for wind and other energy projects. The Majority's Decision can have a chilling effect on the development of future renewable energy projects in New Hampshire. The Majority now has a chance to set things straight. It should grant the Motions for rehearing, reconsider the facts, and issue a certificate.

Respectfully,

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