



## Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

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Jane Murray, Secretary  
Site Evaluation Committee  
Department of Environmental Services  
29 Hazen Drive, Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Members of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

RE: Tempertop Wind 1, LLC Docket 2012-4

We are writing on behalf of the residents of Sharon, NH to voice our support of the towns of Temple and New Ipswich; we believe the residents of those two towns should be able to apply their land use regulations and procedures to this project rather than having it handled under the jurisdiction of the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC).

We believe the Large Wind Energy System (LWES) Ordinances of Temple and New Ipswich provide sufficient regulations to minimize adverse impacts. Further, since the Timbertop project has a generation capacity of 15 MW, it is below the threshold where the SEC must take jurisdiction. Given both of these facts, there would seem to be little reason why this project should not be controlled locally through the existing regulatory structures of the towns of Temple and New Ipswich.

The Town of Sharon abuts both Temple and New Ipswich. The Timbertop Wind project, if constructed, would be sited approximately 1/2 mile from the Sharon town line and would certainly have an impact on many Sharon residents. We are concerned about the possible disruption to our viewshed, wildlife habitats, aquifers, forests and roadways. Also, the possibility of both audible noise complaints, and the emerging epidemic of health effects from infrasound, worry us. These issues need to be investigated further by the SEC.



In case you are not aware, the Town of Sharon adopted its own regulations governing Large Wind Energy Systems at our Town Meeting in March. The Sharon Board of Selectmen have elected not to apply for intervenor status at this point because we feel regulation of this wind energy project can be handled very well through local control by the existing ordinances in Temple and New Ipswich. However, as an affected abutting town, the Town of Sharon may request intervenor status in the future if we feel it is necessary to protect the interests of our residents.

Very truly yours,



Marc LaPlante  
Chair, Sharon Board of Selectmen



Patrick Galbraith  
Selectman



Linda Paris  
Selectman

Copies to:

Board of Selectmen, Temple, NH

Board of Selectmen, New Ipswich, NH

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