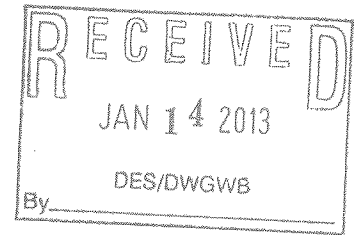


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Timothy Drew
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Re: Wild Meadows Wind Farm

Dear Mr Drew,

Hello, my name is Carrie Shepard and I am a resident of the town of Alexandria NH and have been a resident of New Hampshire all my life. Up until about a month ago when I first learned of Industrial wind turbines being constructed in the town I work in, and the strong possibility of them being erected in the town where I live, I have never in my life experienced so much angst and fear about the unpredictable future of my home state. I write to ask you to help protect our region from outside interests who truly have no environmental interest in it aside from the profit potential it holds.

Wild Meadows Wind Farm is a proposed wind power project by Spanish based Company Iberdrola Renewables. This project will stretch over 8 miles of mountain ridges through towns of Alexandria, Danbury and Grafton, NH and will consist of 37, 450' foot tall wind turbines. The same company just finished constructing an Industrial wind power plant consisting of 24 Industrial turbines in Groton NH and has one in Lempster as well. The money being used to fund wind power projects in New Hampshire is coming from US government subsidies (American taxpayers) and the power that is being generated by the Turbine plants in NH is very minimal and plans to connect to the grid and most likely transported to other states. The requirements of the construction and placement of the turbines alone will have a major impact on New Hampshire's delicate environment and ecosystem. I asked the head of the project Ed Cherian about how much power will be contributed to the high tension power lines already existing in our area and he propose %1 percent. I strongly believe that the costs of these projects are going to greatly surpass any monetary gain or "green" energy produced for the state or its residents.

Not only are these wind power projects going to cost the state of New Hampshire a lot of money, I believe that there are, in fact numerous, negative health side effects caused by Industrial wind turbines and should be seriously reviewed thoroughly before the state allows this project to further proceed. Noise levels of turbines have been measured from residents of different areas of the US and reported to exceed most states sound limit statutes even though Iberdrola Renewables and other wind power companies say that they don't.

I have reviewed a number of different accounts coming from people in other states such as Oregon, New York, Wisconsin and Massachusetts about the very real, ill side effects being experienced near wind plants, caused by the wind turbines themselves. People living in close proximity, to within miles of these turbines have reported side effects such as headaches, earaches, heart palpitations, high blood pressure, anxiety, sleep disruption, seizures, vertigo, shadow flicker...etc. Not only humans are being affected by the sounds and vibrations of the turbines. Livestock, cattle, hummingbirds and insects are becoming ill, even dying from them. I imagine these side effects would be negative for our children as well as family pets. I know of at least two large, recent lawsuits reported in the US against Iberdrola regarding these noise levels and the ill effects the turbines are producing. In some cases that I studied, people who were forced out of their homes due to effects of the wind turbines either had to abandon their homes that families lived in for generations or sell their house to the Wind power company for *far less* than that of the fair market value. This is becoming a very sad epidemic for families across the globe.

Newfound lake is known as one of the most pristine lakes in the country and many people from beyond New Hampshire's borders visit the area every year. Business owners and employees (such as me and my husband) in New Hampshire highly depend on the monetary contribution that visitors and residents from out of state generate by means of tourism. People come here to break-free of the unnatural, visual and sensory obstructions that encompass them daily in their cities and sprawling suburbs. They support our local businesses and they too, choose to bring their families here to enjoy the area, generation after generation. Iberdrola's project proposed that wind turbines will be visible on more than half of Newfound Lake's shoreline as well as from the top of Ragged Mountain in Danbury. Cardigan Mountain's historic views will also be in jeopardy due to the unnatural view of wind turbines for people hiking on its trails and summit. No amount of "visual amenity" could relieve the irreversible blow that this wind Project will deal to our local ecosystem, economy and landscape.

Real estate and property values have been reported to significantly *decrease* in areas where wind plants are visible or being constructed. Property taxes for land and home owners in the state of NH may save an estimated \$75 to \$150 dollars for a \$100,000 dollar house per year (if the money is applied to taxes). Ultimately however, I do believe NH property taxes will

increase due to such things as tax abatements filed in surrounding areas, town road repair and maintenance costs, energy transmission and turbine decommission costs and possible decrease of view taxes as a result of the wind project.

These Industrial wind turbines are monstrous pieces of machinery that if placed next to the statue of liberty or the tallest building in the state of NH, they would tower over it! This is a subject not to be taken lightly. There should be serious studies and statutes made by the state regarding the effects of turbine energy output on the human body and how close in proximity they should be placed to humans and animals. Other states such as Maine and Michigan have already begun to reject wind plant projects constructed in their states until further research is conducted.

I strongly suggest and believe with all my heart that Wild Meadows wind power project would be a huge mistake for the state of New Hampshire and should be **STOPPED**. Windmills are not the same as wind turbines. Industrial wind power is not "GREEN ENERGY" and a wind power project has major risk associated with it. There is no environmental, social, or monetary gain that would make this wind project worthwhile — the only benefit that is "in view" is the environmentally, blind profit potential for an out-of-state corporation.

Please help fight for New Hampshire and contribute in maintaining the good health of our communities and people, the balance and un disturbance of our ecosystem and environment, and the preservation of the natural beauty that New Hampshire has to offer.

Sincerely,

Carrie Shepard
Alexandria NH resident