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Dear SEC members,

I write to strongly **oppose** the proposed Wild Meadows Wind Project in Alexandria, Danbury, and Grafton, NH and the Spruce Meadows Wind Project in Alexandria, Hebron and Groton, NH.

As stated by an article in The Madison County Courier, "**Tell your Town Council members that they must choose between having an industrial energy facility as its focal point, or having a place where people live in order to raise families, start businesses, participate in the local economy, and pay taxes. Because you can't have both. If you allow the wind farm to be built, you will lose residents, you will lose your properties, school populations will dwindle, and your tax base will erode. And once you issue a permit, there's no turning back. You can't undo it.**" The full article can be found at <http://madisoncountycourier.com/?p=31189>.

Tourism is the major economic engine of this area and the proposed projects endanger that financial foundation. The proposed industrial wind projects have the potential for more harm than good.

Wind energy is NOT a cost efficient, green energy choice and would not be pursued without the tax subsidies to support it. Compared to the cost of creating and installing these large wind turbines, they create only small amounts of intermittent, useable energy and require existing sources of electricity generation when the wind doesn't blow. They are very costly to maintain and when they need to be replaced are typically abandoned due to the sheer expense of removing them.

Please help us protect the cleanest lake in New Hampshire and the scenic landscape of the surrounding area by **NOT** allowing these projects to proceed. Newfound lake was recently identified, August 2012, as one of the top 15 BEST LAKES in the USA by USA Today, <http://usat.ly/NdYOzq>. The citizens of the Newfound Lake community are very proud of our pristine lake and take great strides to maintain it's cleanliness and beauty. The introduction of yet another Industrial Wind project will severely damage the entire area.

Please do not let these monstrosities overtake our mountain ridges.

Sincerely,
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