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Subject: Please do NOT support the Wild Meadows Turbine Project - SEC docket 2013-02

Dear Members of the NH Site Evaluation Committee:

We strongly urge you to REJECT the Wild Meadows Wind Project application with Iberdrola Renewables.

In reading through Iberdrola's SEC application, you have a very clear sense of the lack of integrity and ethics of the company. It is clear that most if not all of the contractors that provide supporting research and documentation for Iberdrola's projects have a relationship and history with this company and the wind energy industry, in general. Many of the so-called studies on impacts of property value, noise, wildlife, and shadow flicker are nothing more than "junk science" and the results cannot be trusted. There are plenty of legitimate, peer-reviewed studies out there that show the exact opposite of what Iberdrola's application shows: Wind turbines DO negatively impact property values, quality of life due to excessive noise, and wildlife populations and habitat. Iberdrola is a well-oiled machine and has done an excellent job in cherry-picking its consultants as well as supporting studies. Their application and supporting documents are hardly objective. In fact, if you haven't noticed in their SEC application already, they have even attempted to minimize and de-legitimize the results of Alexandria's vote against the wind turbines by stating: "This warrant article passed on a 273 to 101 vote. According to the 2010 US Census, there are a total of 1,613 residents in Alexandria, of which 1,279 are of voting age. It should be noted that the wording of the warrant article is not provided in a neutral fashion, potentially affecting the outcome of the vote, and that the total vote (yes and no votes) was 29.2% of the town voting age population. While this certainly does not invalidate the warrant article or the voting results, it does provide some useful context." Iberdrola is clearly trying to discount the eligibility of the voting process and has stepped over the line. This is how the voting process works in the United States. I'm certain that if the vote turned out to support wind turbines, they would not be making this absurd claim. This gives a clear indication of the integrity and ethics of who we are dealing with here.

Given the response of the proposed host towns, there is no "silent majority" – as Mr. Cherian likes to believe – of residents who support the turbines. In fact, for people who have not participated in the voting process, it's likely that there is an equal percentage of people who oppose the wind turbines, so we would say there is also a silent majority of people who oppose the turbines but simply have not expressed their viewpoint.

The wind turbines are monstrosities that will scar our towns, scenery, and wildlife forever. The only benefit will go to Iberdrola; everyone else will pay the consequences of this corporate greed and lack of respect for New Hampshire's residents and ecosystem. The money they are offering the towns of Danbury and Alexandria is a drop in the bucket compared to the profits they will reap. Do not be lured into this. Thank you for your continued support of the residents of Danbury and Alexandria. Again, we urge you to do the right thing here – and that is to keep faith in what the residents of Danbury and Alexandria truly want – to live their lives without 500 foot wind turbines looming over their landscape.

We ask that you add our letter to the Iberdrola Wild Meadows Wind Turbine project file (SEC docket 2013-02).

Yours sincerely,
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