

The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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SENATOR JEANIE FORRESTER

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Chairman Tom Burack
NH Site Evaluation Committee
NH Department of Environmental Services
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Dear Chairman Burack:

I am pleased to see that the Site Evaluation Committee voted to not approve Iberdrola's proposal for a new energy project in New Hampshire. As you are aware, wind projects continue to be a sensitive issue in many communities throughout New Hampshire and I remain particularly concerned about the build out of new energy projects until New Hampshire develops a comprehensive state energy plan.

As you are also aware, the SB 99 mandated report, conducted through the Office of Energy and Planning, has just recently been released and I encourage you to take some time to consider the findings and recommendations before moving forward with any new energy projects.

Our landscapes are a critical part of our state identity and we should not be permitting new large-scale projects before establishing siting guidelines. We need to ensure that the state's mission of maintaining a balance between the environment and the need for new energy facilities in New Hampshire is achieved and allowing the SB 99 process to be completed would be in the best interest of all Granite Staters.

Sincerely,

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