

Dear Governor Hassan,

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now that an extension for the SEC Rulesmaking has been granted, it is time for the SEC to change their goals. The current rulesmaking process is supposed create set of requirements that will ensure good siting. The SEC's notion that the goal is to obtain stakeholder consensus is wrong, because it would require compromise between the goals of industry and the goals of the people.

If industry were out of the room consensus would have been a reasonable goal, and achieved months ago because the citizens involved in SB-99 and the Rulesmaking are united in a goal of good siting. They are dedicated to ensuring that inappropriate projects are not permitted and appropriate projects have the lowest aesthetic impacts, safe ice-throw zones and setbacks that protect people from noise, electromagnetic radiation, infrasound and incineration from pipelines. Industry's goal is cheap siting with the lowest standards.

Even with industry present during SB-99, people managed to make quite clear what their standards were, and it would have been an easy task to put them into rules form. Instead, the SEC wrote draft rules, where many of the measures that would have protected people were thrown out, and the majority of the suggestions made by industry, supporting minimal standards, were incorporated in the draft.

At the public meetings areas where the people (good siting) and industry (cheap siting) disagreed were discussed by the SEC with an apparent goal of finding a middle ground (poor siting) with no public input allowed though the SEC was not informed on many of the issues discussed.

At the tech session, everyone was ready to agree on setbacks and noise standards but the corporations' representatives pushed for laxer standards, including noise that could be irritating as long as it was not a public health hazard and ice throw setbacks smaller than those suggested by GE.

The wind lobbyists should be ashamed to ask for such standards and ashamed of the conditions of noise, industrialization and shadow flicker they have forced people near their projects to live with. All the corporate lawyers writing the rules to benefit their corporations should be ashamed of their mercenary actions against the people.

The SEC must stop the charade of consensus and start writing rules that set high standards for siting and thus prevent industries from doing what it is their nature to do; exploit people, places and resources.

You and the SEC you appointed, are here to protect the State and people of New Hampshire, not corporate profits.

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