

Yet more industry submissions suggesting laxer standards for industry.

We have Mr. Getz, finding the proposed visual simulation standards too tough for Eversource.

He follows Mr. Pullaro and Ms. Geiger, representing Industrial Wind, who argued for smaller ice-throw safety zones and lower standards for shadow-flicker and noise from wind turbines.

Apparently these corporations “feel” that “burdensome restrictions” upon them should be avoided and project side-effects should fall (literally) on those who live near the projects.

Nixon-Peabody (working for Industrial Wind) wants project developers to be required to show only “reasonable good faith efforts to obtain reasonable access and control” of a proposed site or route. They also feel requiring decommissioning up front is too much to ask of corporations.

“Various Energy Companies” do not want to be required to include “the views of municipal and regional planning commissions and municipal governing bodies regarding the proposed facility” as part of the application requirements.

Mr. Novello, representing Wagner Forestry, which leases/sells wind and transmission sites, wants shadow flicker and noise studies to be dropped when projects are in remote areas and only wildlife is affected. Yet animals are likely to be more affected by noise than humans. Animals also are unable to lodge complaints or advocate for their own protection. It is our responsibility to speak for them and protect them from the noise, shadow flicker and habitat fragmentation to which Mr. Novello and Wagner Forestry would like to be able to subject them.

National Grid requested no fall zone requirements for transmission towers, citing lack of need for such standards, despite HUD and FERC having set them.

After nine paragraphs of requests that specific sound requirements be dropped from the Rules, Mr. Kenworthy, of Eolian Renewables (Industrial Wind) requests that there be a limit on the amount of sound complaints wind project developers are required to respond to!
Eolian cares nothing for the effect of turbine noise on people near their projects, and has no hesitation is making this brutally clear.

Why are industries, whose only responsibility is to their shareholders (in another land, far far away), allowed to participate in, and significantly influence, the SB-99 reports and the SEC Rules?

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