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Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Rulemaking, Docket 2014-04

Dear Mr. Wiesner,

I am writing this letter to specifically address the rules being considered involving property boundaries when siting industrial wind turbines.

In testimony before your committee, Ms. Susan Geiger, representing Energais De Portugal, expressed her company's view that private property boundaries are fluid, and do not need to be respected. She urged the Site Evaluation Committee to do the same.

Please consider: If, once in place, 499' wind towers do happen to throw ice, snow, or turbine parts, inflict noise or shadow flicker anywhere onto your property, Ms. Geiger's testimony shows that she and the wind industry is fine with that. In fact the ONLY part of your property she, and others in the wind industry, would like to require the SEC to respect for permitting is a "permanent occupied dwelling". So - livestock out on pasture or in shelters? No concerns. Pottery studio? Trails or logging roads used on your land? Not important. Sugar Shack? Oh well. You don't live in it so if a hunk of ice traveling at 140 miles an hour flies off a turbine blade and through the building and workers inside, no concerns! The testimony advocated by Ms. Geiger and others in the industry is intended to tailor the rules in order to benefit any company involved in obtaining a siting permit, to the detriment of private property owners of New Hampshire.

Neighbors certainly have the right to lease their land to developers and have a company erect 499' turbines on property abutting mine. However, I have the right not to give anyone permission to impose their "extras" on any part of my property. No ice, shadow flicker,

excessive noise or turbine parts. We all have that right- as per our state constitution, excerpted here:

***[Art.] 12. [Protection and Taxation Reciprocal.]*** Every member of the community has a right to be protected by it, in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property; he is therefore bound to contribute his share in the expense of such protection, and to yield his personal service when necessary. But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him, or applied to public uses, without his own consent, or that of the representative body of the people. Nor are the inhabitants of this state controllable by any other laws than those to which they, or their representative body, have given their consent.

New Hampshire SEC members- please keep in mind these words in our state constitution. We, the citizens of New Hampshire, believe in them. And note that the legislature has not given private companies such as Energias De Portugal or others permission to "take" our property. We ask permission before shoveling snow on your driveways. We count on you to do the same.

It is not enough to site wind towers a short distance from abutting property boundaries. These gigantic towers must be sited at distances that do not in any way, override our legal property rights as per the state constitution.

Your committee is, it appears, being told by a former member who is now a consultant to a company which will come before it for project permits, to do just that, to "take" our property rights. To all members of the Site Evaluation Committee - our properties and our property boundaries are not for "the taking". Property owners statewide are counting on the Site Evaluation Committee to abide by the state constitution, not to give in to the self-interests of any company raking in profits from our state, and our taxpayers, from a country thousands of miles away. We deserve better than that.

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