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Reference SEC Rulemaking
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Pursuant to the public comments requested regarding the SEC rulemaking, the Town of Hebron Select Board would like to address several items of great interest to our community. We believe that the SEC processes should follow the democratic traditions of the State of New Hampshire, as best represented by the function of the local town meeting, and should operate under the right-to-know law and its requirements.

Areas of greatest interest in the current proposal are out lined as follows.

Impacted Community (Part site 102 and 301.09 Effects on region)

The scope of municipal considerations needs to be expanded by definition on a regional basis to all towns that would be impacted in the considered area. Wind towers, for example, have a long distance impact due to sight, health issues, property values, transportation of equipment, and mutual aid for emergency services.

Further, the draft rules to date (301.09) have not included input from local planning boards, towns' Master Plans and zoning ordinances. The public interest needs to be respected by examination and inclusion of these vital local issues and concerns.

Concerning private property guidelines: we strongly disagree with the SEC definition of property rights as limited to "occupied permanent residence." This would have a significant impact in our area by reducing property values and limiting the rights of individuals and would affect the tax base. Many negative aspects including sight lines, noise, flicker, etc. have large consequences on property rights and values.

Good Neighbor Agreements

While these agreements may represent private party transactions, the impact on the community and other citizens cannot be ignored. The right-to-know laws should provide an example of the need for full disclosure when others are so directly affected.

Decommissioning (301.08)

We recommend a plan, prepared by an independent engineer, that would include removal of all structures and restoration of the site and that would provide secure funding to complete the plan, not including any anticipated salvage value.

We appreciate the opportunity to represent the interests of the residents of the Town of Hebron and are available to discuss and review our suggestions with the SEC.

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