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I think that in order to create a sound energy policy in the State of New Hampshire, there needs to be more transparency from the energy companies and the State. If for instance, the Site Evaluation Committee is going to consider more Industrial Wind Farms in the State of New Hampshire, then the following should be made public with no chance for misinterpretation:

1. There are already three (3) Industrial Wind Farms operating in the state at this time. The actual energy production numbers for each year in operation should be made public record, so that comparisons can be made to the original proposed energy numbers, as originally supplied by the Energy Company building the project. This would aid in determining whether or not the original proposals are accurate and would aid in building a database that we could determine what future proposals will produce.
2. Secondly, it should be made clear to the public what the total amount of money spent on a new Energy project being proposed by an Energy Company will be, and how much of the project will be paid for by Federal tax incentives and subsidies. Again, this would aid in determining whether or not these projects are viable to create a sound energy policy. If we as taxpayers are paying for close to one third of the

project directly or indirectly I feel we need to be informed of what our investment is going to cost us as well as what it will produce for us.

3. The SEC and the all the branches of government involved in making these energy decisions must put more weight into their decisions based on the local voting in the towns being affected by these proposals. If there are overwhelming votes cast by these towns against projects being proposed, then it is up to our government to stand up and support the will of the people. Make no mistake, energy projects need to go forward, but they need to be sound decisions that will benefit all of us who live here, not just the energy companies.
4. If more Industrial Wind Farms will be built in this state, then it should be the energy companies responsibility to have a plan and funding in place to tear down these projects and restore the landscape once they have reached there finality. Let them supply realistic funding up front, so that there is no interpretation of what scrap metal will be worth decades from now.

Please try and protect us as residents of the state so that poor decisions are not made that will affect us and our children, and destroy this lovely state we live in. We deserve this protection from our government.

Sincerely,

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