

Dear Ms. Monroe, Mr. Wiesner & Mr. Iacopino,

Starting with the SB-99 work groups, including the Health and Safety work group which had both industry and public representation, and going right through the comprehensive, thoughtful and "best available evidence based" SEC Rulemaking process, the legislative intent of transparency for Rulemaking has clearly been achieved.

During this deservedly lengthy, thoughtful and deliberate process, both representatives from the energy industry and the public were given ample opportunities, verbally and in writing, to weigh in on each and every item the SEC discussed/debated/reviewed as part of the Rulemaking process.

Given that the rights of property owners are built into statute and our constitution in many places, having Rulemaking as a transparent process open to all concerned parties was obviously essential as were evidence based rules.

To that end, I would like to remind all concerned parties that the first Antrim Wind application was already evaluated under the same sound standards that are being proposed in these rules. They are not, as I read the record, "new." Further, there are, contrary to any assertion otherwise, states and counties that do have more "restrictive" sound standards. As the volume of litigation around this subject suggests, these standards are, many believe, long overdue and very much needed. Here in NH, it's hard to gauge the extent of the problem given "Good Neighbor Agreements" and, evidently, quite a few confidential "settlements" between wind developers and apparently aggrieved property and home owners.

Regarding shadow flicker, another subject already extensively reviewed, discussed and debated to arrive at the eight hour standard, it should be pointed out that "zero tolerance" is a more fair standard than eight hours given the range of mitigation options evidently available today.

Lastly, the wind industry's concern, as I read it, about certain rules effectively prohibiting wind development in the state is, I would suggest, ill founded. Rather, the public should, I believe, be concerned about the financial condition of some large wind developers, like Sun Edison for example, to fulfill their decommissioning commitments.

I would like to thank all members of the SEC for your thoughtful, through and balanced deliberations. The process had honor and integrity throughout and I trust that those same two principles will carry forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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