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Via Hand Delivery

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman Site Evaluation Committee NH Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re:

Docket No. 2014-05

Petition of Antrim Wind Energy

Dear Chairman Burack:

Enclosed please find my *Appearance* and the following Pre-Filed Testimony on behalf of the Town of Antrim in the above captioned matter for filing with the Site Evaluation Committee:

- 1. Testimony of the Antrim Board of Selectmen; and
- 2. Testimony of the Antrim-Planning Board.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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JCR/sem Enclosure(s)

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE

SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Petition for Jurisdiction of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

Docket No. 2014-05

TESTIMONY OF THE TOWN OF ANTRIM PLANNING BOARD

1	Q.	Please state your name and title.
2	A.	My name is Christopher Condon, and I am Chairman of the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim.
4 5	Q.	What is the position of the Antrim Planning Board on Docket No. 2014-05: Antrim Wind Energy, LLC Petition for Jurisdiction Over a Renewable Energy Facility?
6 7 8	A.	The Planning Board for the Town of Antrim requests that the SEC assert its jurisdiction over the review, approval, monitoring and enforcement of compliance in the planning, siting, construction and operation of the planned wind energy facility.
9	Q.	What are the reasons for this position?
10 11	A.	First, the SEC asserted jurisdiction over the previous application (SEC Docket No. 2012-01: Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility).
12 13 14		Second, the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim does not have the technical expertise or resources to address a project of this magnitude, nor has the Site Plan Review List been updated to accommodate it.
15 16 17		Third, Industrial Wind Ordinances have been rejected by the citizens of Antrim three times. Two of these were drafted by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim and the third was a citizen petition.
18 19		Finally, because this issue has become a divisive one in our town we feel that if the SEC asserts jurisdiction the process will be more impartial.

Yes.