



July 25, 2015

Site Evaluation Committee  
N.H. Department of Environmental Services  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

**RE: Antrim Wind Energy, LLC**  
**Support for the Petition for Jurisdiction Over A Renewable Energy Facility**

To Whom It May Concern:

We write today on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to encourage the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to take jurisdiction in the Antrim Wind Energy project. This project would have a major positive impact on New Hampshire's burgeoning renewable energy industry, and would create dozens of good paying local jobs. As representatives of more than 1,500 New Hampshire workers in the electrical industry with decades of experience building renewable energy facilities in New Hampshire and around the world, we know this project will benefit our state and the town of Antrim. We believe the Site Evaluation Committee should assert its statutory authority to take jurisdiction over this project. Doing so will ultimately help ensure economic growth and enhanced energy security for our communities.

As you know, RSA 162-H gives the Committee the ability to assert jurisdiction over the Antrim project because the newly proposed wind energy project plan presents the possibility of significantly impacting the population of the Antrim community, the growth of renewable energy in New Hampshire, and the economic growth of the town of Antrim and the greater population of the state as a whole. The development of additional alternative energy facilities is essential for the growth and stability of New Hampshire's energy portfolio and will confer substantial economic benefit to the immediately affected community and the surrounding population. The Committee's assertion of jurisdiction over this newly proposed renewable energy project would not only pave the way for enhanced growth and stability of New Hampshire's renewable energy industry and local jobs, but is also appropriate given the nature of this newly proposed project plan.

Recognizing that the Committee has asserted jurisdiction over the previous Antrim Wind Energy proposal, and also recognizing that this newly proposed plan is substantially different from the former, we respectfully request the Committee to once again assert its jurisdiction over the new project plan. The Committee has the capability and knowledge to evaluate the new project plan in a manner that addresses environmental, economic, social and technical concerns.

Overall, we believe the Antrim Wind Energy project will provide significant benefits to the Antrim community, and the state as a whole, including:

- Creating substantial employment opportunities for local workers. There will be many construction related jobs associated with this development as well as numerous long-term jobs resulting from the ongoing maintenance and operations of the facility. The project is expected to contribute 84 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs during the construction phase and 12 FTE jobs during operations.
- Helping advance the diversification of New Hampshire's energy portfolio by adding substantial wind energy resources that will help our communities achieve greater energy independence.
- Producing enough clean renewable electricity to supply more than 12,000 New Hampshire homes.

This project has the potential to impact the welfare of the population, the growth of the New Hampshire renewable energy industry, and the overall economic growth of the state, as well as providing numerous jobs for New Hampshire citizens. We support the applicant's petition for jurisdiction in this matter, we believe the Committee may rightfully assume jurisdiction over this project, and we respectfully ask that the Committee choose to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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