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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Re: NH Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-02:
Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for
Construction of a Wind Project in Antrim New Hampshire – Correspondence from
New Hampshire Fish & Game**

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above captioned matter, correspondence dated July 1, 2016 from New Hampshire Fish & Game (“NHFG”), concurring with the Applicant’s finding that the project will not likely have an adverse impact on the species identified. The Applicant previously indicated in its June 27, 2016 Response to NHDES’ Additional Data Requirements that it would provide the Committee with any additional information it received from NHFG. The enclosed correspondence is intended to update the Applicant’s prior filing.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the attached correspondence.

Regards,

Rebecca S. Walkley

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Enclosure

cc: Distribution List



Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director

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July 1, 2016

TRC
c/o Dana Valleau, Environmental Specialist
14 Gabriel Drive
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RE: Antrim Wind Project – Biological Assessment

Dear Mr. Valleau:

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) have received your Biological Assessment summary for the Wildlife Species of Concern identified in the updated Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) report (NHB15-1904) for this project. The staff at NHFGD has reviewed the information and we concur with the findings that the project will not likely have any adverse impact on these identified species; the Ebony Boghaunter (*Williamsonia fletcheri*), Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*) and the Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*).

However, the Department would like to recommend that monitoring of the proposed project laydown/staging areas, identified on the Project location map as parcels #222-003 (gravel pit) and #212-027 be monitored for Wood turtle movement while the project is under construction during the summer. This should avoid the potential for construction equipment encountering and potentially impacting Wood turtles seeking upland habitats within close proximity to the North Branch River, if found.

The NH Fish and Game Department does appreciate the applicant's efforts of involving the agency in the proposed project and we encourage the continuation of these discussions throughout the permitting process. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the Department's Environmental Review Coordinator, Carol Henderson via email at carol.henderson@wildlife.nh.gov or by phone at 603-271-3511. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Normandeau".

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director

CC: Craig Rennie, DES

Enclosures:
Biological Assessment Memo
Project Location Map

