

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Docket No. 2015-02**

**APPLICATION OF ANTRIM WIND ENERGY, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY**

**POST-HEARING BRIEF
JANICE DULEY LONGGOOD, ABUTTER**

Please deny the certificate for site and facility for AWE to construct an industrial wind farm in Antrim NH.

I have been a resident of Salmon Brook Road in Antrim for over 30 years. Living in this rural environment, on protected land, was very purposeful. This land was protected by covenants and restrictions and has since been protected by Antrim zoning ordinance of the rural conservation zone. This project is not congruous with the stated land use initiatives as stated in the Antrim Master Plan. The project would forever change the rural peaceful nature of the area. The project is in the priority area for land conservation and is in part of the Quabbin to OCardigan Wildlife Corridor.

This project plans for four turbines to be located closer than one mile to my home, a fifth turbine in one mile 280 feet. This project will forever change my ability to enjoy my property and to pursue a lifestyle of quietude, peace enjoyment of abundant wildlife. The project will alter the rural landscape for all who live on the North Branch.

The impact of noise is concerning. The noise levels as predicted by AWE is predicted to be 37.5 dB at my residence. This does not leave much room for a margin of error to be considered over the SEC limits of 40 db. The increase in noise will prohibit me from enjoying my property. The idea of constant noise from wind turbines is very troubling and will have a major impact on my lifestyle.

Shadow flicker is of great concern. The amount of shadow flicker that I will experience at my home, will greatly impact my ability to use and enjoy my property. The changed flicker analysis technique and the widely divergent results from the 2 different analysis 2012/2015 do not give me any assurance that I will receive less than the maximum of 8 hours per year. In the 2012 docket, I was predicted to have between 20-30 hours of shadow flicker per year, this current docket predicts 12 hours 5 mutes of shadow flicker per year with an astronomical amount of 34 hours and 10 minutes. The high number of hours of predicted flicker and AWE's reliance on an untested mitigation system does not give any assurance that this issue has been appropriately dealt with as required in the rules.

Ice throw is an area of concern. Hiking in the woods could be hazardous due to the potential of ice throw from the turbines. There is not enough of a buffer between the turbines and property lines to properly ensure our safety. We should be able to use all of our property without concerns of injury from ice throw.

The view of the night sky will be forever changed. We have a dark sky and are able to see the stars, the turbines will forever change the experience on our properties.

If the SEC approves AWE's project, I plead that the SEC require that AWE/WGE buy out impacted property owners at fair market value calculated before construction of the wind farm. This should not be difficult for AWE as they have repeatedly stated that there is zero impact on property values from industrial wind projects.

In conclusion, I ask that the SEC deny the Certificate for Site and Facility. This ridgeline is not the appropriate place to site a large scale wind project.

Respectfully Submitted

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