

Re: Docket No. 2015-02
Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

What is your name?

My name is Bruce Earl Berwick

What is your occupation?

I was an electronic technician in the US Air Force and IBM Corp, but am now disabled/retired.

Where do you live?

I live at 72 Reed Carr Rd, Antrim, NH and have lived here for the past 23 years. Our property abuts the wind turbine project, We will be directly below the proposed turbine number 2 which we will be able to see from our bedroom window.

Were you involved in the previous SEC hearings?

No, I was not, Like my wife said, I did not want the windmill in our backyard mostly due to the visual impact. And I really wasn't aware of the health, noise and flicker issues caused by the turbines and blades.

How will this project affect you?

After viewing many videos, such as (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCA0_W9Qxs), listening to audio recordings and reading many articles about wind turbines around the world, I came to the conclusion there are definite health issues that authorities do not want to address. The "BIG" money does not want them addressed either.

Some people are at risk for epileptic seizures by flicking lights. Some people are very sensitive to low and infra-sound frequencies. Infra-sound because of its extremely low frequency can easily penetrate and pass through buildings. The US Navy uses infra-sound frequencies underwater to communicate worldwide with the submarine fleet. Nausea, headaches, inability to sleep are some of the symptoms people are developing after wind turbine installations. As these issues affect each person differently, I/we won't know how it will affect us until the turbines are running and then it will be too late.

Do you feel that the people of Antrim want this windmill project?

I quote and repeat my wife's testimony here. "At one time I did, and it was one reason that we didn't get further involved in protesting this project. However, there have been 3 votes done in which the voters have shown that they either do not want the windmills, or do not want their town officials controlled by AntrimWind. In fact, Christopher Condon, Chairman of the Antrim Town Planning Board submitted testimony that, "**Industrial Wind Ordinance have been rejected by the citizens of Antrim three times.**" as one of the reasons for the SEC to assert jurisdiction over this review. To me, this says our citizens will not allow this, so we need the SEC to overrule our citizens. Right now I see this as an issue dividing our town. I realize that to at least some of our selectmen the amount of money this project will bring in has them very much for the project. However, it is a shame that they don't really care about their own citizens who get hurt along the way. Unfortunately money truly does talk! I truly doubt that any of our selectmen would want to live ½ mile from a turbine and listen to the noise, endure the flicker and see those huge windmills every day. I would ask that each them take a moment to look at a youtube video of exactly what flicker is, the name sounds innocuous but the reality is quite different. In fact, here is a link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCA0_W9Qxs . They could also watch videos about windmill noise. There are many videos that have been made by people living near windmills. People who were promised that the effects would be negligible to them, but have found out that the truth is very different."

"In addition, what will happen to the town of Antrim once the windmills are decommissioned and that source of income is gone. It will be extremely hard, if not impossible, for the town to take such a significant cut in income, the only solution will be to increase taxes to meet the new budget requirements. The long term result will be that we will be leaving our children with MUCH higher taxes. "

Does this conclude your pre-filed testimony?

Yes.

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