State of New Hampshire

Site Evaluation Committee Application for Site and Facility Antrim Wind Energy Docket 2015-02

May 23, 2016

Pre-filed Testimony of Janice Duley Longgood

1. Please state your name and your address:

My name is Janice Duley Longgood

My address is: 156 Salmon Brook Road, Antrim, NH 03440

2. How long have you lived in Antrim?

I have been a resident of Antrim for 30 years and have resided on my property for all for the 30 years; I have owned the property on Salmon Brook Road for 32 years.

3. What is the purpose of your testimony?

I am a direct abutter to the proposed AWE wind energy facility. The purpose of my testimony is to plead the SEC to once again deny this application for Site and Facility in the rural conservation district of Antrim, NH.

When this property was deeded by the Longgood's (1985) it was "subject to with the benefit of the covenants, restrictions, reservations, conditions, right of approval and easements as set forth in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Restrictions by Land/Vest Properties, Inc. dated March 18,1974 and recorded in Volume 2351 page 099 of the Hillsborough Registry of Deeds and Grantees, by the acceptance of this deed, covenant and agree on behalf of themselves, their administrators, executors, heirs and assigns and personal representatives, that they will well and truly observe and perform said covenants, restrictions, reservations, conditions, rights of approval and easements which shall be a burden upon and run with the land."

The covenants have since expired and the property has been protected by the Antrim zoning regulations that have designated this area the Rural Conservation District. My family and I have relied on this zoning designation. The zoning ordinance was supposed to ensure us that the improvements we made to the home and property were worth the effort toward the lifestyle we moved here to pursue. There is a presumption of continuation of land use policy following years of covenants restrictions and rural conservation zoning. This industrial project is not congruous with the stated land use initiatives as stated in the Antrim Master Plan. This project would forever change the rural peaceful nature of the private properties surrounding it. The project area is in the priority area for land conservation and is part of the Quabbin to Cardigan Wildlife Corridor. I have had the pleasure of seeing snowy owls, hawks, bears, moose, deer, blue heron and countless other wildlife species.

Our family enjoys all of our property (50 acres) hiking and exploring the back woods.

4. What are your major concerns with the AWE proposed industrial wind facility?

Noise: I am very concerned about the noise from the facility. I have retained expert witness acoustical engineer, *Richard James*, He is reviewing the sound modeling doen by Mr. O'Neal. Richard James is providing pre-filed testimony in this matter.

The noise modeling at our home does not take into account that our family enjoys all of our property (50 acres) hiking and exploring the back woods.

<u>Shadow Flicker</u>: It appears from the applicants shadow flicker maps that I am location 77 and am the year round resident with a significant impact. AWE states that the shadow flicker will be mitigated to 8 hours per year. The glint off the turbines and the fact that I could potentially have many more hours of shadow flicker is very concerning.

<u>Impact on the night sky</u>: The flashing lights on the turbines will forever change the experience of being outside in the night. At my residence I currently do not see any lights not generated by my house.

<u>Impact from blasting</u>: I am concerned regarding the impacts from blasting. In particular, potential well damage and ground water pollution from the runoff on the access road.

Impact on enjoyment of my property: If the SEC approves AWE's energy project as needed for the greater good, I (and other significantly impacted property owners) should not be victimized. We should be compensated for the loss of the rightfully expected use of our homes. My home and my property are my largest investment. My children grew up on this land. I hope to retire on the land and leave it to my children. This project will forever alter the rural landscape for the abutters and it is my contention that we should be compensated for the sacrifice imposed. This project would change everything that we moved here for. I understand that choices must be made, but when I bought this property and moved here 30 years ago, this industrial project was never a consideration, nor could it have been.

In conclusion, I plead 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

This 23rd Day of May 2016

Janice Duley Longgood

