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SEC# 2015-02

State of New Hampshire
Site Evaluation Committee

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Administrator
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21 South Fruit Street
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Concord, NH 03301
RE: Antrim Wind Energy
SEC Docket Number 2015-02
Testimony for Brenda Schaefer,
Mark Schaefer and Nathan Schaefer

Pursuant to SEC Docket No.2015-01 we respectfully submit our testimony on Antrim Wind Energy's proposed industrial scale wind farm. We have resided at 128 Salmon Brook Road for 32 years, our property directly abuts AWE's leased land.

The land we own was purchased with protective covenants and in Antrim's Rural Conservation District. The RCD has preserved this area from industrial development for well over three decades. The zoning was an incredibly foresighted decision and still stands as law despite several attempts to change it. The SEC must take this into account as they deliberate AWE's petition. The possible allowed use of a public utility does not include a private, for profit intermittent energy vendor such as Antrim Wind. AWE's own projected wind asset at possibly 38-40 percent, does not even meet the criteria of a full time supplier.

The notion that intermittent wind power will reduce the need for coal, gas ,or nuclear is false. The unpredictable nature of wind in our region and the overall inefficiency of turbines make it even less desirable as a power source. New Hampshire is already a net exporter of electricity, sacrificing our quality of life for the wasteful consumption of distant others. Antrim already supplies green energy to the grid via hydro and solar. The only proven solution to our societies gluttonous waste of energy, in all forms, is simple tried and true conservation, waste not and want for not.

On Salmon Brook Road we have several retirees who came here after a life time of hard work to reside and enjoy life away from industrial chaos. They felt secure in knowing they moved to a town that actually protected large areas with rural conservation laws. After 32 years of toil, sacrifice and property taxes, we are looking forward to a peaceful future. One very disturbing fact is our close proximity to turbine 5. Our children have for years played, camped and planned to build get away cabins on the back ridge close to AWE western border. With the projected 500 foot towers and positioning the anticipated sound levels will be 36 decibels or more, more than double the 16 decibels that has been tested on Salmon Brook Road. This fact along with all the other disturbances that will be created by these 500 foot monsters is completely out of character for a land that has been more or less untouched for hundreds of years.

We as well as many others who live here, will be absolutely heart broken and outraged if you allow a non-resident, for-profit group to forever scar this area we have to live in daily and planned to retire in. Allowing this project is nothing short of taking our constitutional rights from us. Please try to put yourselves in our position, we live here you do not.

AWE has stated that there is great support for this project. They are completely ignoring the fact that Antrim residents have voted several times not to allow commercial wind farms , the last amendment was defeated March 11, 2014. The SEC's own mandate states that local zoning must be taken into account. The majority of this towns voters have made it quite clear we do not support industrial wind in our rural conservation district, please honor our decision.

In closing, the human side of this equation must take precedent in your decision. There are myriads of other technical issues that will be adjudicated as to why this project is not right for this area. We respectfully ask that you put the local residents, who have lifetimes of rooted interests and not the means or desire to abandon their homesteads, ahead of some privateers profit and loss statement. The green washing mantra of industrial wind must be seen for what it is, a smoke and mirror illusion to cover a corporate balance sheet, greed before good, profit over people and nature.

Sincerely,
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