



State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

February 18, 2016

NH Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SEC Docket #2015-02

Dear Honorable Committee,

As Representatives for the town of Antrim and surrounding towns, we write in support of the Antrim Wind Energy project, and to urge you to approve its application.

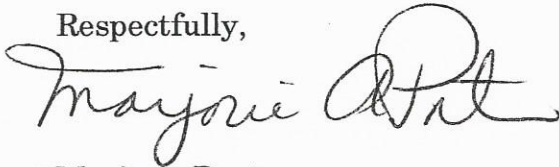
Antrim Wind Energy, a 28.8MW wind project, will produce enough clean, renewable energy to power more than 12,000 homes in the state. Its construction and operation will create close to 100 well-paying local jobs, and will bring an estimated \$53 million of economic benefit to our area. The Town of Antrim will benefit from the \$8.4 million in increased tax revenue over the 20 year life of the program. Studies indicate there will be no negative impact on property values or tourism.

The 908 acres of land put into conservation and to be held by the Harris Center for Conservation Education and the Town of Antrim, will serve to significantly expand the local dePierrefeu-Willard Pond Sanctuary. Studies indicate there will be no significant impact on rare or endangered plant or animal species.

The Antrim Wind Energy developers have listened and responded well to concerns expressed by local land owners and other members of the community, and we feel this proposal to be much improved over the previous attempt. By eliminating one turbine, reducing the height of another, and using radar activated night lighting, visual impacts will be reduced. There will be no new transmission line. The use of newer, quieter turbines will reduce the sound impact.

The Antrim Wind Energy project has broad support within the Town of Antrim, and both its Select Board and its citizens are anxious to move forward. Our region will benefit from the increased economic activity. The project advances New Hampshire's "25 by '25" policy for renewable energy generation in the state. For these reasons we urge your approval of this project.

Respectfully,

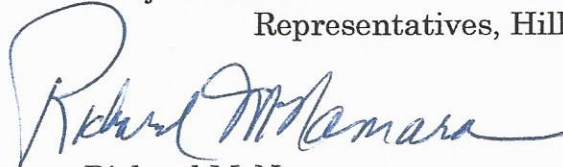


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