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# PROCEEDING 1 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Good morning, 2 3 everybody. We'll reconvene. This is Day 2 of the Antrim SEC hearings. We left off on the 4 5 panel on technical and managerial capability. And I know Sue swore them in already. So, 6 7 again, we have Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Weitzner, Mr. Stovall, Mr. Cavanagh, and Mr. Marcucci on 8 9 the panel. 10 So, trying to remember where we left 11 off. I think we left off, so, I think the 12 Non-Abutting Landowners, Mr. Block, your next, 13 is that correct? 14 MR. BLOCK: Yes, I believe so. 15 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. You 16 may proceed. 17 MR. BLOCK: If I may, I'd like to 18 start by introducing another exhibit. 19 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Is your 20 microphone on? 21 MR. BLOCK: Yes, it is. Is this better now? 22 23 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: That's 24 better.

MR. BLOCK: Okay. And I'm sensitive

to that, because I have hearing problems, too.

This would be NA-14.

(The document was herewith

marked as **Exhibit NA-14** for

identification.)

[Mr. Block distributing documents.]

MR. BLOCK: Thank you.

#### 10 BY MR. BLOCK:

Q. My first questions are for Mr. Kenworthy. And I would like to start by referencing an article that's in Exhibit NA-13, my supplemental prefiled direct testimony. And it's in that Exhibit NA-13 as Exhibit RB(Supp)-3, it's an article entitled "Siting a Wind Farm in the Most Challenging Place in the U.S." And I just want to ask you about that. On Page 2 of the article, according to the interview of Mr. Kenworthy, in that article, under the section called "Finding Good Sites", Mr. Kenworthy, you call this "the best sited wind project in the state and an excellent wind resource", is that correct?

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1 A. (Kenworthy) I'm trying to find the article, Mr. Block.
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- Q. Okay. In the Supplemental Prefiled Direct
  Testimony of Richard Block, which is Exhibit
  NA-13, and within that exhibit, Attachment or
  Exhibit RB(Supp)-3 of that. And that was
  "Siting a Wind Farm in the Most Challenging
  Place in the U.S." from Renewable Energy World
  Magazine, March 2nd, 2016.
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) Okay. Yes, I found the article.

  11 Thank you.
- 12 Q. Okay. On the second page of the article,

  13 there's a section headed "Finding Good Sites".

  14 And in there it just -- you call this "the best

  15 sited wind project in the state", and then you

  16 say "it is an excellent wind resource". You

  17 recall that?
- 18 A. (Kenworthy) Yes. That sounds correct.
- Q. Okay. In conjunction with this, if you would take a look at the exhibit that I just passed out, which will be NA-14, which is Wind Resource Map and text from the website of the U.S. Department of Energy, under "New Hampshire Wind Resource Map and Potential Wind Capacity".

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1 On the front of this, where the text is, 2 there's a highlighted paragraph that says 3 "Areas with annual average wind speeds around 6.5 meters per second and greater at 80-meter 4 5 height are generally considered to have a resource suitable for wind development." Okay? 6 7 If you turn over to the wind map, on Page 2, you'll see I've highlighted where the Antrim 8 9 Project site is. And it appears to be located 10 squarely in the zone with an annual average 11 wind speed in the range of 5.5 meters per 12 second to 6 meters per second. Which, if you 13 look at the chart, they're in the bottom third 14 of the wind resources in the state, and below 15 the minimum recommended average speed for 16 suitability -- suitability in development. 17 Given this, how can you characterize Antrim as 18 having an "excellent wind resource"? 19 (Kenworthy) Excuse me. This map doesn't have Α. 20 any relevance to our Project at all. Can you explain that please? 21 Q. 22 (Kenworthy) Sure. We've collected four years 23 of on-site wind data, from a meteorological 24 tower at 60 meters, and from a LiDAR at three

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different locations across the project site -pardon me -- at elevations up to 200 meters.

That data, which is site-specific data from our
location, is what I use to make that statement.

We've submitted a detailed summary of the meteorological campaign that was performed by V-Bar, a nationally recognized meteorological consultant, that describes our average wind speeds. I believe, in that document, which was provided together with our Application, I think it was a supplement, we -- the average wind speeds are well above six and a half meters a second at this site.

Q. Can you tell me how far above?

- A. (Kenworthy) I can check and tell you. But my recollection is that our average hub height wind speeds are about 7.7 meters per second.

  So, considerably.
- Q. I know we, in the past, have requested that wind data information, and you would not release it saying it's proprietary, is that correct?
- A. (Kenworthy) We have indicated that the actual data, the raw data files that we've collected

at the site, are proprietary information.

- Q. So, in other words, you're asking us to take your word for it that what you're saying is true?
- A. (Kenworthy) Not just our word. We've provided a detailed technical report from our meteorological consultant that's been submitted as part of this record, and I'm here testifying to it.
- Q. All right. Going back to this Renewable Energy World Magazine, continuing on Page 2, in the same section, the article there states that "The Project was overwhelmingly supported by the Town of Antrim." And, then, you're directly quoted there, and I've highlighted them on there. "The Town of Antrim has been behind us for six years. The support has been demonstrated in referendum." Can you give us a date and the results of the specific referendum regarding the Antrim Wind Project that you're referring to there?
- A. (Kenworthy) Sure, I can. I think all of this is in the record, Mr. Block. I've provided detailed answers about the basis for which we

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make the statement that the Town of Antrim has
been strongly supportive of the Project.

Q. Can you give me the dates of the referendum though?

A. (Kenworthy) I don't -- I don't specifically know which particular vote this article is referring to. I can tell you that we have cited straw polls, two straw polls, a Planning Board straw poll and a Selectboard straw poll. We have cited a survey that was sent to every household in the Town of Antrim, and which had a very high response rate, which showed about a 77 percent support for the Project in town. We have cited the defeat of two ordinances that we would have considered to be anti-wind ordinances that would have prohibited wind development in the rural conservation, again, by about the same margins.

So, for all those reasons, we formed my statement that the Town of Antrim has been consistently behind this Project.

Q. Are you misquoted in here saying that "the support was demonstrated in a referendum"? This is a direct quote to you.

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A. (Kenworthy) Again, with respect to the word

"referendum", perhaps I am, I don't know. I

may have used the word, but I don't

specifically recall.
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- Q. A "referendum" is defined as a "direct vote in which an entire electorate is asked to vote on a particular proposal". Do you realize there's never ever been a vote in the Town of Antrim on your proposal?
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) Again, Mr. Block, I think the

  11 record is clear on what our position is about

  12 what informs the statements that I've made

  13 about the Town of Antrim supporting this

  14 Project.
  - Q. I understand your position, but your position is hearsay, and you're making assumptions.

    You're making assumptions based on inaccurate, unscientific surveys. You're stating here that there was a "referendum" and that you were supported in that. There has never been a referendum in the Town of Antrim.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Mr. Block, you need to ask questions please.

MR. BLOCK: Pardon?

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PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: You need to ask questions please.

MR. BLOCK: Okay. I'm sorry. All right. I will continue.

#### BY MR. BLOCK:

- Q. Continuing, I'd like to refer back to my supplemental prefiled testimony, a further exhibit in there, RB(Supp)-5, there's an article in there, a different article, an article called "Voters Kill Wind Petition" from the Monadnock Ledger, which was published on March 13th, 2014. Do you find that?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I see it.
  - Q. Okay. Continuing, since Antrim first came to Antrim, there have been three votes to try and amend the zoning ordinance to put in language permitting the regulating industrial wind development in town. I believe you've argued that some of these proposals would have been too restrictive to allow this Project to be built, is that correct?
- 22 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, undoubtedly so.
- Q. Okay. The March 2014 vote that this article refers to was the third of these votes. This

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amendment was submitted by a citizens'

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- Q. Okay. Do you feel that this amendment, if it had passed, would have been too restrictive to your Project?
  - A. (Kenworthy) No. This amendment was essentially based around the terms and conditions that were contained in the contract that Antrim Wind had signed with the Town of Antrim.
- Q. Okay. According to many people in Antrim, the wording for this amendment was provided by
  Antrim Wind. Can you tell us what was the source of the language for this zoning amendment?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) The agreement with the Town of
  17 Antrim and Antrim Wind.
- 18 Q. Okay. And you provided this to the citizens
  19 who submitted this to the Town by petition?
- 20 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, we did.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- MR. NEEDLEMAN: Mr. Chair, I would

  just observe again, we're not on technical and

  managerial capability. And, if that's what we

want to do, that's fine. I just hope we can get through this panel. And I hope that, when we get to orderly development, we're not going to be duplicative of that.

MR. BLOCK: I understand.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay.

MR. BLOCK: And I'm getting at

something here.

## BY MR. BLOCK:

Q. Continuing, --

MR. RICHARDSON: Mr. Chairman, if I

could --

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Hold on.

Mr. Richardson.

MR. RICHARDSON: The other problem this presents for me is there's a huge volume of information in this case. And I don't bring, you know, all of the orderly development or all of the sound or all of the other issues on days when we're here for technical and managerial capabilities. So, it does present a big problem for, you know, the other parties who want to follow along, because I didn't have Mr. Block's testimony and exhibits here with me

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1 today.

And I'm not so much making an objection, as registering a concern, that it makes the following what's happening in the testimony very difficult, when we jump out of the assigned subjects for this panel.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Well, as we discussed, I was going to say yesterday, the first day, which was Tuesday, I believe, you know this is a little bit fuzzy, I get it, as far as trying to group these. So, I'll give Mr. Block a little bit of purview here. But, again, if it's -- for a lot of reasons, they have a lot of witnesses here, if it's better at another block of time --

MR. BLOCK: Thank you. I don't have that much more, so --

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. And Ms. Linowes.

MS. LINOWES: Mr. Chairman, if I may,
I believe that some of these questions or the
testimony in Mr. Kenworthy's supplemental
testimony talks about what Mr. Block is asking
questions about.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Uh-huh. Why don't you proceed, Mr. Block. BY MR. BLOCK:

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Let me just continue here. Further down in the Q. same article, I'd like to read one -highlighted paragraphs. "An ongoing topic at the polls Tuesday was the issue of non-residents holding signs in favor of the ordinance. Gorham has lived in Antrim for over 30 years and said she only recognized two of the people outside of Town Hall campaigning for the petition. Gorman said she went over to a woman who was holding a pro-wind sign and asked her where she was form. Gorman said the woman told her she was from Hillsborough and that she was paid by Antrim Wind to hold up the sign."

And, then, just below that, part of the next paragraph, he went up to people that he didn't recognize and also asked them where they were from. Szehi said the responses included Hillsborough and Concord."

So, if the support of your project from the citizens of Antrim is as strong and widespread as you have stated on numerous

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- occasions, why was it necessary for you to
  bring in paid sign holders from other towns?
  - A. (Kenworthy) I don't have any knowledge of us paying any sign holders from other towns.
- 5 Q. So, do you think the people were lying when they said that Antrim Wind paid them?
  - A. (Kenworthy) That's not what I said.
  - Q. Oh. In other words, somebody from Antrim Wind paid them to do this without your knowledge, is that correct?
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) I don't know.

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- 12 All right. Somewhat different topic. Most of Q. 13 the residences directly affected by the Project 14 are located in the North Branch area. In the 15 original proposal, that area had no visibility 16 of Turbines Number 9 or Number 10. So, the 17 change in those two turbines would have no 18 effect on those residences in the North Branch. 19 However, you claim the overall impact of this 20 Project is substantially diminished for all 21 areas, including the North Branch. Can you 22 explain that from the North Branch area? 23
  - A. (Kenworthy) I'm not sure how to answer that question. I don't -- there's a lot of pieces

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- in there. I don't know what you mean by the North Branch area or what specific impacts you're talking about.
- Specifically, I'm talking about the area around Q. and north of the Project, around Route 9 and north of the Project. And I know, and I'll probably get back into this later when we get into the area of about the visual impacts. But, for now, I just wanted your impression on this. The area north of Route 9, the area where I live and the area where a lot of the intervenors live, did not have a visibility of Turbines Number 9 or Turbine Number 10. So, the deletion of Turbine Number 10, the lowering at Turbine Number 9 has no effect on the North Branch. Yet, your -- and, generally, and in your original testimony, you claim that there's a significant or substantial improvement of the overall impact, which would include the North Branch area. So, without a change, without the effects of the Turbine Number 9 and Number 10 changes, can you explain how the North Branch area, Route -- north of Route 9, has -- how that impact will have approved -- improved,

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Α. (Kenworthy) Well, it sounds to me as though you're only considering aesthetic impacts. And I'm not the expert to talk about the changes in aesthetic impacts between 2012 and today. The changes that we've made go, you know, well beyond just changes in aesthetics. There's new turbines that are used in this Project. Those Siemens direct-drive turbines are quieter machines, for one. So, this Project will meet the strictest sound standards of any wind project in the State of New Hampshire. It will meet the strictest shadow flicker standards of any project in New Hampshire. Those are two significant reductions in impact from the 2012 project to today.

Generally, with respect to aesthetic impacts, there is a reduction. This Committee took up the issue as to whether or not there was a material difference between 2012's project and the Project that we've now proposed and determined that there was.

And, so, I think that this is a -- that, for all the reasons we've cited in our

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         Application, this Project does have
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         substantially reduced impacts from 2012.
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                   MS. MALONEY: I would just like to
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         object to that characterization that this
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         substantial difference between the 2012 project
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         jurisdiction said it was "immaterial".
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Why don't you
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         move on, Mr. Block.
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    BY MR. BLOCK:
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         On Tuesday, you explained that Antrim Wind has
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         now submitted an application to the FAA for the
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         use of Aircraft-Detecting Lighting System,
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         ADLS, on the turbines. Is that true?
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         (Kenworthy) That is.
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    Q.
         Okay. Has the FAA yet issued an Advisory
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         Circular which approves and specifies the
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         details of the ADLS?
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         Do you know when that was issued?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes. It's in my testimony. It's
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- Q. So, that would be the copy that I received this summer?
- A. (Kenworthy) I do not know what copy you received. We submitted it in response to data requests.
- Q. I believe that was in December. Okay. So, at this point, what is the next step? Are you waiting for approval of your specific application?
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) Correct.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you have any estimate of when the FAA

  12 will issue that approval?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) I would say, generally, it's our
  14 expectation that we would receive an approval
  15 in 45 to 60 days.
- 16 Q. And how long ago did you submit your application?
- 18 A. (Kenworthy) I would have to check, but sometime
  19 in the last two or three weeks or so.
- Q. Okay. The agreement between Antrim Wind and
  the Appalachian Mountain Club calls for you to
  include installation of the ADLS in your
  initial construction, if the FAA has issued its
  Advisory Circular 60 days or more before the

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commencement of the construction. So, it seems
to me, if that Circular was actually issued
last December, then you are already obligated
at this point, is that correct, to install the
ADLS during initial construction?

- A. (Kenworthy) No. That's not my understanding.

  But just give me a moment here to bring up that agreement.
- 9 Q. Okay.

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- 10 A. (Kenworthy) Does anybody happen to know what

  11 appendix this was to our Application? I'm just

  12 trying to find the AMC agreement. Oh, I found

  13 it. It's Appendix 10a.
- 14 Q. Appendix 11, I believe.
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) So, Section (b), i, says "If the

  16 FAA has issued the Advisory Circular 60 days or

  17 more --

[Court reporter interruption.]

### CONTINUED BY THE WITNESS:

A. (Kenworthy) "If the FAA has issued the Advisory
Circular 60 days or more before the
commencement of construction of the Project
that allows for the radar system to be
operated, then AWE shall install and operate

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         the radar system simultaneously with the
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         commissioning of the Project." So, it needs to
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         be allowed to be operated.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: And, just to
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         clarify, that's Appendix 10a, correct?
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: That's correct.
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    BY MR. BLOCK:
         All right. I interpret that differently,
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         because it says -- to me, I read that "if the
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         FAA has issued the Circular which allows". It
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         doesn't say anything about a specific
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         application or a specific permit. And the
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         Circular, I have a copy, the Circular does list
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         the specifications. And, in other words, I
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         interpret that to say "the Circular says this
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         is an allowable system, this is what you need
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         for that system." And the way I read this, it
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         says "if that Circular has been issued, then
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         you are obligated to do this." All right.
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              So, you're saying that, your
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- A. (Kenworthy) We can't install the system without having an approval for the site.
- Q. All right. If the FAA approval happens after that 60-day period, the AMC agreement gives you a year then to, after approval, to install the ADLS, is that correct?
- 7 A. (Kenworthy) Yes. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. Since you've been talking about and promising that Antrim Wind will be using an ADLS for four or five years, and it's obviously taken a number of years for this to happen, isn't it possible --
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) Excuse me.
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) Sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Block,

  16 but I haven't been promising for four or five

  17 years.
- Q. And how long have you been promising it for? I know that you started discussing it very early on in Antrim, before you even came to the SEC.
- 21 A. (Kenworthy) Sure. It was part of a discussion.
- 22 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. (Kenworthy) We didn't make any commitments to 24 the system --

Q. Okay.

- 2 A. (Kenworthy) -- until we signed an agreement with the AMC.
  - Q. Okay. I know your intent has always been to use this system, when it was -- when and if it became available. So -- but, based on government red tape, isn't it possible that final approval from the FAA, and then eventually waiting for this, could take another year or two to happen?
    - A. (Kenworthy) I suppose it's possible. I think it's highly unlikely. Things have progressed in a very positive manner with the ADLS here in the United States. These systems have been successfully tested by the FAA. They have, as you know, issued a revised Advisory Circular, which sets forward the standards that any ADLS system needs to meet, in accordance with the FAA Circular. There are technology vendors that have been approved by the FAA, and we have selected one of those vendors. And, on the basis of that vendor's approval, the Advisory Circular criteria that have been issued and our project site-specifics, we've now submitted an

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application to the FAA for this site. The FAA is obviously familiar with the site, having already issued determinations of "no hazard" for all of our turbine structures. And, so, this is now what's called a "Lighting Study", which goes back to the FAA to approve this change to the determinations that have already been made. Those pretty consistently happen in about 45 to 60 days. So, that's our expectation.

- Q. So, what do you think are the chances that you will actually be able to install this system before the turbines are actually up and ready to be commissioned?
- A. (Kenworthy) I think it is highly likely.

- Q. Okay. If that didn't happen, and it was delayed, would those turbines have to have lights on them that would simultaneously flashing every two seconds, all night long, all year long, until that time?
- A. (Kenworthy) In the event that there were not an approval prior to us commencing construction, then, yes, there would need to be FAA required obstruction lighting on six of the turbines.

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Q. Okay. If and when Antrim Wind is issued a

Certificate of Site and Facility, will you

personally continue to supervise the Antrim

operation or do your responsibilities for this

Project end at some point?
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- 6 A. (Kenworthy) No, my responsibilities continue.
  - Q. So, you assume or the intention is you will continue to be responsible for this Project throughout its foreseeable future operating life, is that correct?
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) I'm one of a member of a team that
  12 is responsible for Antrim Wind.
- 13 Q. Okay.

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- 14 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- 15 Q. And I know I've asked you this question before,
  16 but, since you established Eolian Renewables in
  17 2009, have you personally installed and
  18 operated any industrial wind turbines anywhere?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) I personally have not, no.
- Q. All right. I have a couple of questions for
  Mr. Cavanagh. I understand you will be
  responsible for supervision of the physical
  construction on the Project. Am I correct in
  assuming that the first phase of on-site

- construction will be for the staging area and the access road?
  - A. (Cavanagh) Yes.

- Q. Okay. In Antrim Wind's Application, in your
  Appendix 7d, Preliminary Construction Schedule,
  the start date for clearing and development for
  the staging area and access roads are
  October 3rd of this year. Is that accurate?
- 9 A. (Cavanagh) Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. It's my belief that these adjudicatory
  11 hearings are scheduled to continue at this
  12 point past October 3rd. Is it standard
  13 business practice to commence construction on
  14 major projects before permits are approved?
- 15 A. (Cavanagh) No.
- 16 Q. So, --
- 17 A. (Kenworthy) Let me just, if I may, Mr. Block, follow up on that.
- 19 Q. Sure.
- A. (Kenworthy) As we've indicated in our
  Application, the actual start of construction
  is going to depend on when a permit is issued.
  So, we're fully aware that we need to have a
  certificate issued before we commence

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1 construction.

The schedule that was prepared by Reed & Reed and submitted as part of our Application is certainly an indicative schedule. And I think it's clear at this point that we're not going to start construction on October 3rd.

- Q. Okay. So, if that -- and has that schedule been updated or modified yet?
- 9 A. (Kenworthy) There is no reason to update or
  10 modify it now, because we don't know what the
  11 final timeline is going to be. But it
  12 ultimately will be updated and modified, once
  13 we know what the timeline will be.
  - Q. All right. So, once you know when the -- when and if you receive approval, when do you anticipate an updated and accurate construction schedule will be issued?
  - A. (Kenworthy) Well, our expectation is that we will negotiate, again, as we've stated, a final BOP contract with Reed & Reed, roughly commensurate with the timing of the close of the financing for the Project. And, so, I think we're talking about a matter of a couple of months from the time the certificate is

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1 issued.

- Q. So, do you anticipate any actual groundbreaking happening before the issuance of a certificate and site?
- 5 A. (Kenworthy) No. Absolutely not.
- Q. Okay. Mr. Cavanagh, have you personally visited the entire ridge where the access road will be built and the turbines will be erected?
- 9 A. (Cavanagh) Yes.
- 10 Q. Have you seen the extensive boulder formations
  11 along the site of the proposed access road, I'm
  12 not entirely certain, but I believe they're
  13 between the sites of Turbines 6 and 7?
- 14 A. (Cavanagh) Yes.
- 15 Q. I'd like to call your attention, you don't have 16 to do this, if you don't want, but in my 17 supplemental prefiled testimony, which is 18 Exhibit NA-13, there are photographs of those 19 boulders, Exhibit RB(Supp)-7, the fifth and 20 sixth page of those photos. If you need to see them, they are available. But, when I was up 21 22 there, I noticed that flagging, which marks the 23 location of the proposed road, runs right 24 through the middle of the boulders. How will

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- 1 you be able to construct a road in that
  2 terrain?
- 3 A. (Cavanagh) I'd have to look at your photos, 4 sir.
- 5 A. (Kenworthy) Mr. Block, I would also just add, --
- 7 Q. Yes.

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- A. (Kenworthy) -- I'm not sure the basis on which you're stating that the "flagging marks the center of the road"?
- 11 When we were -- when we hiked the ridge, there Q. 12 were flagging marked -- we were following it on 13 a GPS and we were following the layout maps. 14 And there was surveyor's tape that followed 15 from the start, all the way through, followed 16 the course of where the proposed road would be. 17 The early part, the first few turbine sites, 18 had already been clear-cut along the road and 19 in the large circles where the pads would be. 20 Beyond that, it was not logged or anything, but 21 the flagging continued, following the road all the way through. And every now and then we 22 23 found a stake marking WTG Number 6, WTG Number 24 So, we assumed that the flagging was 7.

indicating where, essentially, the access road would be running.

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- A. (Kenworthy) And, again, I can't verify that.

  That's your assumption. But it could have been flagging for environmental purposes, there are wetland delineations up there. There's --
- Q. We saw those also. But the wetland --
- A. (Kenworthy) There's clearing limit -
  [Court reporter interruption --

multiple parties speaking.]

#### CONTINUED BY THE WITNESS:

A. (Kenworthy) I'm sorry. There's clearing limit delineations. And, so, again, this is your assumption, having gone up on the site without any of our team to verify the location. And I don't think Mr. Cavanagh can answer about your hypothetical where the road may go.

#### BY MR. BLOCK:

Q. Well, if that road was to go right through those boulder fields, and it appears to be on your topographic maps, in your layouts,

Mr. Cavanagh, how would you construct a road through those boulder fields?

A. (Cavanagh) We would have to, you know, demolish

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- Q. All right. Decommissioning of the Project calls for restoration of the ridge. Can you describe any way that you feel that restoration of those boulders could ever be achieved in order to replace that 18,000 year old significant wildlife and plant life habitat area?
- (Kenworthy) Well, we're not going to be able to Α. put the boulder back together. But what we have committed to do is, when the Project is decommissioned, we will remove the road, the road will be broken up, all the way from Turbine 9 back to -- Turbine 9, all the way back to the edge of the property line between Mr. Ott and Antrim Limited Partnership. Once it's broken up, that area will all be spread with organics and reseeded, so that it can start to revegetate naturally. And I think that that's what we've committed to do. It's well beyond what any other wind project in New Hampshire has ever committed to do before. MR. BLOCK: All right. I have no

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further questions. Thank you.

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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Thank you.
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         anybody here for the Stoddard Conservation
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         in that case, we'll move on to the
         Levesque/Allen group?
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                   MR. LEVESQUE: Mr. Chairman, we don't
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         have any questions right now, as long as we are
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         assured that there will be an orderly
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         development portion that we may question Mr.
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         Kenworthy at a later time. That's what I've
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         been hearing, and we'll hold those questions,
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         because we have a number of them regarding that
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         part of his testimony.
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         Kenworthy will be a panelist for the orderly
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         development.
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                   MR. LEVESQUE: We'll hold our
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         questions till later then. No further
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         questions for this panel then.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay.
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1 that case, Ms. Linowes.

MS. LINOWES: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. Just to establish timing, I have

asked for an hour and a half. And I have three categories of questions and I expect to be a

6 half hour for each.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. And, as we discussed Tuesday, so this fits globally within this category of technical and managerial capability?

MS. LINOWES: Yes. The category -well, and perhaps you should tell me. I am
responding to definitely technical/managerial,
but the hard -- the difficulty I have is that
I'm responding -- or, responding with questions
regarding Mr. Kenworthy's supplemental
testimony, which covers a wide range of topics,
from setbacks to decommissioning to other
things. And I don't know where else to put
these questions. So, if I'm not in the right
place, then I would like to be corrected.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: All right.

And, given Mr. Needleman's concerns about the witnesses he has here, and the fact that Mr.

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         Kenworthy is coming back, as we just discussed
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         and I want that to happen, we may ask you to
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay. Thank you.
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         is kind of a different thing, so it's --
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         anyway, so it's difficult to put in there.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         So, I want to talk about decommissioning first.
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         Good morning. Mr. Kenworthy, --
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                   MS. LINOWES: Or, actually, if I may,
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         I have a number of exhibits I would like to
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         share with everyone. Could I just take a
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PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Sure. 22

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                   MS. LINOWES:
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                   MS. LINOWES: Thank you, Mr.
         Chairman. Okay. Just so everyone knows, there
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         are a series of documents that I handed out.
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         exhibits went up to WA-15, I believe, that were
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         prehearing conference. This starts 16, but I
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         put an "X" after each one, so that it
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         references cross-examination. And I'm not sure
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         if these need to go into the ultimate record
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         for today's purposes.
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         Okay. Mr. Kenworthy, in Exhibit 33, Appendix
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         22, that would be the Decommissioning Plan that
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was submitted as part of the Application, you articulate a plan and cost estimate for removing all underground infrastructure to a depth of 24 inches, is that correct?

- A. (Kenworthy) Yes. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. And, as you know, under New Hampshire Site rule, this is a new rule, it's 301.08(a)(8), states that "All underground infrastructure at depths less than four feet below grade shall be removed from the site and all underground infrastructure at depths greater than four feet below finished grade shall be abandoned in place." You're aware of that?
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I am.

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- Q. Okay. And, according to your supplemental

  prefiled testimony, on Page -- this is App. 24,

  on Page 25, Line 3, you confirm that "AWE will

  now be removing all underground infrastructure

  to depths of four feet below grade." Is that

  correct?
- A. (Kenworthy) I'm sorry. Where is that in my supplemental testimony?
- 24 Q. That will be on Page 25, Line 3.

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- A. (Kenworthy) Yes. That's correct.
- 2 That's correct. Okay. So that -- let me just Q. 3 pull that up, I'll bring up your testimony as well so I have it in front of me. Okay. So, 4 5 as part of the cost estimate, I include this in 6 the documents that I handed out, if you would 7 look at -- I have actually a hard -- well, actually, let me check that. Or, actually, I 8 9 just want to make sure that everyone can get 10 access to App. 33, Appendix 21, if you have 11 that, because I'm going to be referring to 12 that, but I did not include that as part of my 13 packet of documents. So that will be the title 14 of the document is "Antrim Wind Energy Project

And, in that Decommissioning Plan, there is attached to that a letter from Reed & Reed that has a cost estimate of \$2.525 million. Is that correct?

- 20 A. (Kenworthy) Sure. Let me just get to that.
- 21 Q. Okay.

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- 22 A. (Kenworthy) I'm jumping around between --
- 23 Q. It's attached to the --
- 24 A. (Kenworthy) -- multiple documents.

Decommissioning Plan".

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- Q. It's attached to the Decommissioning Plan.
- 2 Α. (Kenworthy) Yes. I see it now, \$2.525 million.
- 3 Okay. And, then, also you state in your Q. 4 testimony, again on Page 25, you express 5 concerns about potential environmental concerns 6 about going down to 4 feet. You say "Should 7 the Sub" -- and you make a statement here, "Should the Subcommittee determine that all 8 facilities should be removed to 4 feet below 9 10 grade, Antrim Wind is confident that the 11 Committee" -- hold on a second, let me just -bear with me. This is actually on Line 16, on 12 13 Page 25. I'll read directly from the 14 testimony, rather than from my notes. "Should 15 the Committee determine that all facilities 16 should be removed to 4 feet below grade, Antrim

MS. LINOWES: Okay. Mr. Chairman, let me start the sentence before, because otherwise it doesn't make sense.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: That's fine.

22 BY MS. LINOWES:

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23 Your testimony says "For example, it may be 24 more detrimental to remove an underground

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electrical line buried at a depth of 4 feet in
an area where there may be wetlands or stream
impacts associated with the removal." Do you
see that?

A. (Kenworthy) I do.

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- Q. Okay. And, then, the next sentence: "Should the Subcommittee determine that all facilities should be removed to 4 feet below grade despite this, AWE is confident that the Committee will include such a requirement as a condition of any Certificate, and AWE will comply." Is that correct? You see that?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) I see it.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, in general, did you have an objection to that 4 feet?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) No. In general, we amended our plan to say that we would comply.
- 18 Q. Okay. So, during, and I now want to refer to a 19 letter that you had submitted to the Site 20 Evaluation Committee during the rulemaking 21 process. This would be WA-17x that I handed 22 out. This is two of your -- two pages of your 23 full letter. But do you recognize the letter? 24 (Kenworthy) Not particularly. Α.

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         You don't recognize your own letter?
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                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: Well, Lisa, it's not
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         on letterhead and there's no signature page.
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         Site Evaluation Committee website.
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         paragraph, about five lines from the bottom, it
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         4 feet is being imposed on wind projects and
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                   MS. LINOWES: Oh.
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PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: We have a

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         question from the bench. Mr. Boisvert.
                   DR. BOISVERT: Ms. Linowes?
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                   DR. BOISVERT: In what you've handed
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         out, I'm looking at the statement that you
         referred to. And what I read is "removal of
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         underground facilities up to 2 feet below
         grade".
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                   MS. LINOWES: Oh, did I say "4"?
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                   DR. BOISVERT: You said "4", yes.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Oh, I'm -- thank you
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         for that correction.
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                   DR. BOISVERT: That's quite a
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         difference.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Yes. That is, yes. I
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         apologize.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay.
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         Mr. Kenworthy, do you remember the question?
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: I'm sorry?
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Do you
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: No. I'm sorry.
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#### BY MS. LINOWES:

- Q. All right. So, it says, in your statement in the letter, it says "removal of underground facilities up to 2 feet below grade is more common, unless a component has the potential to cause contamination of some kind." Do you see that?
- 8 A. (Kenworthy) Yes. I see that language.
- 9 Q. And then you go on to say, "The rules should be clarified to explain either why only wind
  11 facilities are required to provide the
  12 information, or, alternatively, all energy
  13 generating facilities should be held to the
  14 same standard." Is that -- do you see that?
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) I see it.
- 16 Q. Okay. Are you aware of that concern being
  17 raised to the Committee?
- 18 A. (Kenworthy) I am aware.
- 19 Q. Okay. And are you aware that the Committee
  20 did, in fact, change the rules and apply that
  21 same 4-foot requirement to all energy
  22 facilities?
- 23 A. (Kenworthy) I'm not aware of that.
- 24 Q. Okay. And that would be, for the record, New

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         Hampshire Site 301.08(c)(2)d, has been changed
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         now to show that, "all energy facilities".
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                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: Mr. Chair, I'm going
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         this matters.
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         tell us where you're going with this?
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                   MS. LINOWES: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I
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         is, and Mr. Kenworthy's position at that point,
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         and then circle back to his statement in his
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         supplemental testimony, where he says "If the
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         Committee were to consider changing the
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         conditions on " -- "applying a condition on the
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         Certificate."
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: And can you
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                   MS. MALONEY: Well, actually, I
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         of it at that time.
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                   MS. MALONEY: But I think there is
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         some relevance here, in terms of the entire
         Decommissioning Plan that he -- that's at
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         issue. And whether or not that Mr. Kenworthy
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         had an opportunity to address the Committee
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         regarding the rules. So, --
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: So, Ms.
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         Linowes, --
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                   MS. MALONEY: And apparently he did.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Ms. Linowes,
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         it sounds like you'll get help later on from
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         Counsel for the Public, but can you tell me
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         what the -- how this is relevant?
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                   MS. LINOWES: To this factor? Okay.
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         relevant.
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         Kenworthy if this is, indeed, his document and
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                   MS. LINOWES: Well, actually, if he
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         doesn't want to say that today, because it was
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         delivered not on letterhead, I have a
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         this is his letter?"
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         Is this your letter? You're not willing to --
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         (Kenworthy) Ms. Linowes, I just -- I don't
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         know. I'm not suggesting that it isn't, I just
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         can't confirm it. But, you know, maybe I can
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[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci] 1 bring a conclusion to this a different way. 2 MS. LINOWES: No, that's okay. I'd 3 rather -- I'd rather ask the questions. And I 4 will get to it, because the transcript will 5 validate that this is your letter, okay? If I 6 could, Mr. Chairman? 7 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: All right. BY MS. LINOWES: 8 If you could look at WA-16x? This is a 9 Q. 10 partial -- does anyone dispute that this is the 11 transcript from a hearing that the Committee 12 had on September 29th, the date is on the 13 bottom, regarding during the rulemaking 14 process? Have you seen this transcript before? 15 (Kenworthy) No. Α. 16 MS. LINOWES: Okay. Mr. Chairman, 17 you were part of this discussion. Is anyone --18 well, is anyone going to dispute that this is a 19 transcript from one of the SEC hearings? 20 MR. RICHARDSON: Mr. Chairman, could 21 maybe we just show the witness the rule that is

at issue? Because the issue is whether or not this complies with the rules, not what happened in the rulemaking.

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                   MS. LINOWES: No. That is not the
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         issue.
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         it is, because we're here to review whether the
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         Project meets the requirements of the SEC, the
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         rules, and the statute.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Why don't you
         ask Mr. Kenworthy --
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: -- if he
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         understands that, rather than the room.
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                   MS. LINOWES: If he understands it.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         Do you understand -- do you recognize this?
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         Have you ever seen a transcript of the Site
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         Evaluation Committee?
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         (Kenworthy) I'm sorry, is your question "Have I
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         ever seen a transcript of the Site Evaluation
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         Committee?"
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         This, do you recognize this -- do you recognize
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         this as a transcript from a Site Evaluation
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         Committee meeting?
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         (Kenworthy) It appears to be.
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         Okay. Thank you. Now, on the first page
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         there, Mr. Wiesner was the attorney at the time
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         during the rulemaking, he's referencing a
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         letter that you sent to the Site Evaluation
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         Committee, and he goes: "We have very specific
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         provisions for the wind farm decommissioning.
         And, in (8)(b), there's a requirement that "All
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         transformers shall be transported off-site.""
         Do you see that?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes.
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         "And Eolian", would that be you?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes.
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         -- "has raised the question, "Why should that
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         only apply to wind facilities? Why shouldn't
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         it apply to all " -- "to other types of
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         facilities as well?"" Is that --
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         (Kenworthy) Yes, I see it.
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         -- a portion of what you said?
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         (Kenworthy) I see it.
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         Okay. And Mr. -- Chairman Honigberg stated "He
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         is a wind guy. His comment did not say "remove
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         this requirement for me"?" And to which
         Mr. Wiesner said "I don't believe so", and it
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         goes on "why shouldn't that also apply to other
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         energy facilities?" Do you see that?
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[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci]
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         (Kenworthy) Yes.
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         the removal of -- okay, in general, removing
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         off-site was a concern -- was not a concern,
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         the concern was that it apply to all projects,
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         energy facilities before the Site Evaluation
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         Committee, correct?
         (Kenworthy) I'm not sure. Who's concerned?
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         The Committee's concern?
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         No, you're concerned.
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         (Kenworthy) Well, this transcript is not my
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         transcript. So, I'd have to have the letter
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         that I wrote in full to tell you actually what
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         it was that I said.
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         Okay. Well, let me go on to the next part.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: And, again,
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         you're -- I'm still lost on how this is
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         relevant.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Yes. I will get there.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: This is not
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         Mr. Kenworthy's -- Kenworthy didn't say the
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PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: He wasn't

MS. LINOWES: Right.

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BY MS. LINOWES:

3 And, then, in the bottom last line of that Q. page, or on Line 22, "The question is", of 4 Chairman Honigberg "whether it gets added for 5 others?", these are wording, whether -- again, 7 continuing that thought, it's not -- and he goes "And I believe there's also, with respect 8 9 to the underground issue, there's a question of 10 the 4 feet." And going down, so that -- so, in 11 the end, and I'll skip then to page -- the last 12 page, the question of the "4 feet" that we're 13 talking about. And this is Commissioner Scott, 14 said "I'm not particularly in love with this at 15 all, but I think it's really going to be 16 site-specific." And then says "Having said 17 that, and, again, with my earlier suggestion 18 that 302.05, the waiver provisions" of the 19 rules, "should be incorporated into the rules. 20 If that is done, I think we can leave with --21 "could keep with 4 feet. And, then, to the 22 extent an applicant wants to make a case at the 23 time, I think that's very viable, and they could come in for a waiver suggesting "2 feet"

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or "1 feet" or "not dig up at all"." Do you see that?
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- A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I do.
- Q. Okay. So, the thinking of -- so, the Committee
  then left the 4 feet, as you know, from the
  rules, and left it open for an applicant to
  request a waiver. Is that correct, from what
  you just heard?
- 9 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.

- 10 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 11 (Kenworthy) And that's -- that's fine with us. Α. 12 I think, again, we have a Decommissioning Plan 13 that we've submitted. And we're happy to 14 stipulate here that we will remove all 15 underground facilities down to a depth of 16 4 feet. And, if we ever need to get a waiver 17 from that requirement, we'd be happy to come 18 back to the Committee and request one. 19 cost estimate that --
- 20 Q. Okay. Can I --
- 21 A. (Kenworthy) The cost estimate that Mr. Cavanagh 22 and Reed & Reed --
- 23 Q. I will get to that.
- 24 A. (Kenworthy) -- prepared did not take into

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account leaving any facilities at a depth less
than 4 feet. So, we're perfectly comfortable
with that.

- Q. Okay. Then, getting back to your prefiled testimony, you state that, and this is on Page 25 again, talking about, in Line 15, talking about the depth, you say "Should the Committee determine that all facilities should be removed to 4 feet...AWE is confident the Committee could put a condition on the Certificate." Is that now an irrelevant statement?
- A. (Kenworthy) I don't know that it's irrelevant.

  I think what I'm saying is that we are -- the language, as I explained, that we included was intended to be sensitive to the fact that there may be circumstances that could arise in which it's not practical to remove facilities down to 4 feet and it would be better not to.

However, I understand your position, that the rules are clear and a waiver can be requested if necessary, and we're happy to comply with that.

Q. Okay. So, you're not expecting the Committee, during these proceedings, to ignore the plain

wording of the rule and apply a condition on
the Certificate that allows you to excavate
less than 4 feet "as practicable", as you put

in your wording? You're not expecting that?

- A. (Kenworthy) I'm sorry. I'm not sure I understand the question.
- 7 Q. Your Page 25 of your prefiled supplemental
  8 testimony says "Should the Committee determine
  9 that all facilities should be removed to 4 feet
  10 below grade". Hasn't the Committee already
  11 determined that?
- 12 A. (Kenworthy) It appears that they have.
- Q. Okay. So, you're not expecting, and you have not submitted a waiver asking for a change to that?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) Correct.

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17 Okay. Thank you. So, Mr. Kenworthy, I also Q. 18 included, this would be WA-20x, this is a 19 letter that you had submitted to I believe in 20 response to a data request from Counsel for the 21 Public, with an updated dollar figure of 22 "\$2.775 million", to remove the materials down 23 to 4 feet, is that correct? 24 (Kenworthy) Yes. Α.

[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci] 1 Q. Okay. What is the status of this letter? 2 Where is it? Is it in the record? Or is it 3 just out there as a response to a data request? 4 (Kenworthy) I'm not positive. But I think it Α. 5 is, other than you marking it here today, it's 6 just been a response to a data request. 7 Okay. So, it is your intent to make it part of Q. the record? 8 9 MR. NEEDLEMAN: We've included all of 10 our exhibits that we intend to include. If you 11 want to mark this and include it, we wouldn't 12 have an objection. 13 MS. LINOWES: No, I'm not intending 14 to do that. I'm asking you if it is your 15 intent to put this into the record? 16 MR. NEEDLEMAN: I think I just 17 answered that. 18 MS. LINOWES: So, no? 19 MR. NEEDLEMAN: We have everything in 20

the record that we've put in, and this information is, I believe, in the record.

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WITNESS KENWORTHY: Again, I'm not positive if this document was provided in any other manner than a response to a data request.

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I'm not sure. I would have to -- I would have to check.

### BY MS. LINOWES:

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- Q. Okay. But your intent is that it would be?

  This will be replacing the Reed & Reed letter that only went down to 24 inches? Or will it change? Or will this number change?
  - A. (Kenworthy) I mean, this is the most up-to-date accurate estimate we have for decommissioning the facility in compliance with the new SEC rules, which require 4 feet removal.
- 12 Q. Which one? The one dated April 1, 2016?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) Correct.

MS. LINOWES: Okay. Well, then, I
will leave it. I will state here then, it's my
understanding that that is the number. But,
again, a question will remain open to you
whether you're going to update the record with
this information.

#### 20 BY MS. LINOWES:

Q. Okay. Now, on New Hampshire Site Rule

301.08(a)(8), if I could call your attention to

that. This is the rule that has -- this is the

decommissioning rule. And it has -- I'm going

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1 to read (c), (d), and (e) and (f).
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- A. (Kenworthy) Sorry, Ms. Linowes, was this --
- 3 Q. Oh, go ahead. I'm sorry?

- 4 A. (Kenworthy) Was this in one of the documents
  5 you provided?
  - Q. This is -- I don't know if it's in any of the documents. I don't believe so. But it is the official record, the rules. And I'll read -- I wanted to focus in on one of those items, but just to establish that these are the rules for decommissioning. It says what needs to be removed and done as part of a decommissioning. And Item (c) says "All turbines, including the blades, nacelles, and towers shall be disassembled and transported off-site." Does that sound familiar to you?

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Ms. Linowes, why don't you give us that cite one more time.

MS. LINOWES: Sure.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: So, everybody can find this before we move on.

MS. LINOWES: Yes. It's Site
301.08(a)(8). This would be decommissioning
for wind energy facilities.

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                   MR. IACOPINO: Mr. Kenworthy, do you
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         have that up there?
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: Yes, I see it.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay. Great.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         So, letter (d) says -- I'm sorry, (c) says "All
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         turbines, including the blades, nacelles and
         towers, shall be disassembled and transported
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         off-site."
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                         [Court reporter interruption.]
    BY THE WITNESS:
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         (Kenworthy) Yes, I see that.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         Okay. Thank you. (d) says "All transformers
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         shall be transported off-site." You see that?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes, I to.
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         Okay. And (e), "overhead power collector" --
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         "collection conductors and the power poles
         shall be removed from the site". You see that?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes.
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         And, then, finally, (f), "All underground
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         infrastructure at depths less than 4 feet below
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         grade shall be removed from the site", which is
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         what we were just talking about a moment ago.
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Do you see that?

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- A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- 3 Okay. The requirement that "all underground Q. infrastructure at depths less than four feet 4 5 below grade shall be removed from the site", is part of the rules, but your Decommissioning 6 7 Plan, on Page 3, states, and this is App. 33, Appendix 21, that the "Foundation removal will 8 9 start with the excavation of approximately" --10 "of an approximately 8-foot deep trench around 11 the perimeter of the foundation adjacent to 12 each foundation to accept concrete rubble." 13 then goes on to state "The concrete that is 14 removed from the foundation will be placed into 15 a trench and topped with the stockpiled 16 excavated material. The site will then be 17 reseeded" -- "re-graded and seeded." Is that 18 correct?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- 20 Q. So, the four feet of foundation that will be
  21 removed from the ground will not be transported
  22 off-site. You're saying it would be reduced to
  23 rubble and reburied on the site?
  - A. (Kenworthy) That's right.

- 1 Q. Okay. Now, your testimony, supplemental 2 testimony, you state, this would be on the 3 bottom of Page 25, and beginning on Line 22, you state "The SEC rule does not contain any 4 5 requirement to remove debris off site. It 6 requires the removal of all underground 7 structure to a depth of four feet." But you're making a distinction between debris and 8 9 infrastructure. Is that -- am I understanding 10 that correctly?
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- 12 Q. And, then, on the next page, 26, you say "Ms.

  13 Linowes misinterprets the rule, NH
- 301.08(a)(8)f." And, apparently -- and why am
  I misinterpreting the rule?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) If you keep reading my supplemental
  17 testimony, it tells you right there.
- 18 Q. Okay. If you could tell us?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Sure. It says "The rule does not
  20 require environmentally benign concrete rubble
  21 to be removed. It requires infrastructure to
  22 be removed. Using inert concrete rubble (that
  23 has had all metal removed from it for disposal
  24 and recycling offsite) for fill is a common

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         industry practice, it is environmentally
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         benign, it will limit the need to import any
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         new materials for fill and grading once
         completed" -- "and once completed there will be
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         no project infrastructure remaining at depths
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         to 4 feet, which is consistent with the SEC
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         rule."
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         this would be WA-18x.
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                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: Lisa, what's the
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         source of this?
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                   MS. LINOWES: This is -- hold on a
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         second. I don't have that here. I think it's
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         the European Wind Energy Association. It's one
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         of many, many sites that has a similar kind of
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         information. This is just one.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         But, if you look at the -- this is "Wind Energy
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         The Facts". It lists infrastructure. Do you
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         see the section at the top, and then you see
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         the wind farm infrastructure consists of three
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         categories. Can you read categories under
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         "Civil Works", the second one?
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MR. RICHARDSON: Mr. Chairman, we

1 really should identify what the exhibit is, 2 because this leaves parties, who haven't seen 3 this document, are unable to know who produced 4 it, where it came from. You know, I suppose I 5 could retype the words into a Google search and 6 try to find it, but I think that's unfair for 7 both the witnesses and the parties. PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Well, why 8 9 don't we see -- Ms. Linowes, first of all, yes, 10 there's a valid point here about where this 11 came from is a question. But where are you going with this? 12 13 MS. LINOWES: Mr. Kenworthy is making 14 a distinction between the foundations, when 15 they're in the ground, and the foundations when 16 they're out of the ground, and calling one 17

"infrastructure", and then, when they're out of the ground and crushed, and able to be delivered off-site, he's calling that "debris", and therefore does not fit the rule.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: So, why don't you just ask that question.

MS. LINOWES: Okay.

BY MS. LINOWES:

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Q. So, it is -- in order to understand what you are saying in your testimony, that, when the turbine foundation, after being pulled from the ground through the excavation process, and now it is -- it is somehow transformed into debris, it is no longer subject to the rule. Is that what you're saying?
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A. (Kenworthy) I'm not saying "it's no longer subject to the rule". I think I'm stating what is in my testimony. Which is, I wouldn't argue with you that a wind turbine foundation in the ground, with a whole huge rebar cage within it, and anchor bolts and everything else, is certainly part of a wind farm's infrastructure.

When that foundation is broken up and demolished, and all of the steel is removed and transported off-site, and you have rubble that's left over, our position is that it's not inconsistent with the rule to use that rubble to backfill subterranean areas on the site. That's our position with what the rule says.

Q. Okay. Mr. Kenworthy, if it's the case that you're backfilling, why are you digging an 8-foot deep trench to hold it?

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- A. (Kenworthy) I'm not sure I understand the question.
- Q. Your Decommissioning Plan says that "an 8-foot deep trench will be built around" -- "will be dug around the foundation into which the foundation that is excavated from the ground will be buried?
- 8 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, some of that will.
- 9 Q. Why are you building the 8-foot deep ditch?
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) Well, it will accept some of the concrete rubble.
- 12 Q. What is the purpose of the 8-foot deep ditch?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) To accept some of the concrete
  14 rubble.
- 15 Q. So, you're saying that -- okay. Then, let's

  16 step back. You said it's "not uncommon to use

  17 excavated concrete to fill in areas", and I

  18 could agree with that.
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Uh-huh.

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Q. What I'm having difficulty with, is you're creating a whole new area, you're excavating something out that has to be filled. That doesn't make -- that is -- where are you going with that? Why would you dig another ditch?

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        (Kenworthy) Again, it is part of what will
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        be -- part of the concrete rubble would go into
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        that ditch that's around the turbine
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        foundation. And part of it will also go to
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        backfill where that foundation has been removed
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        down to four feet below grade, to avoid having
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        to import material from off-site to backfill
        that area and then revegetate it.
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- 9 Perhaps, since -- is it Mr. Cavanagh that wrote Q. 10 the Decommissioning Plan? Who wrote the Decommissioning Plan?
- 12 (Kenworthy) It was written by TRC, with Antrim Α. 13 Wind.
- 14 Okay. Is someone from TRC here?
- 15 (Kenworthy) No, not today. Α.

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Q. So, there's no one here. So, will someone be here at all? This week or next week or one of the hearings, that we can talk about this, the purpose, the "Foundation removal will start with the excavation of an approximately 8-foot deep trench"? I need to -- there is no explanation for why that would happen, why someone would build -- dig an 8-foot deep ditch, except to accept the rubble out of that

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- foundation, when, in fact, the rules say

  "transported off-site"?
- A. (Kenworthy) Again, Ms. Linowes, we disagree
  about what the rules say. And I think I've
  been clear as to what our position is, and I
  think I've also been clear as to what that
  trench is for. The trench is for accepting
  some of the concrete rubble that is broken up
  from the foundation as it is demolished.
- 10 Q. Some or all?
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) Some.
- 12 Q. You're going to transport --
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) No. The remainder does not go into
  14 the trench, it goes to backfill the area where
  15 the foundation used to be.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. (Kenworthy) Which is excavated to four feet below grade.
- 19 Q. So, let me ask you this question, and then I'll
  20 move on, because we, obviously, have different
  21 positions. The rule says "All underground
  22 infrastructure at depths less than 4-foot below
  23 grade shall be removed from the site." My
  24 question to you, if I poll everyone in this

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         meant what you are saying today?
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Sustained.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay. Then, I'm done
         on decommissioning. I'll go on to setbacks,
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         Mr. Chairman.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Please do.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay. Thank you.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         Mr. Kenworthy, in your supplemental testimony,
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         this is App. 24, Page 26, Line 19, you say that
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         "The new SEC rules do not contain specific
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         requirements with respect to setbacks and the
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         types of information an applicant is required
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         to provide under the new rules are the same
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         types of information that AWE provided in the
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         previous docket and in its current
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         Application." Is that -- do you see that?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes, I see it.
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         Okay. Now, are you aware that Rule Number
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         301.08(a)(3) states, this is under addressing
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         the effects of public health and safety.
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         include the distance between each wind turbine
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         and the nearest landowner's building and
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         property line, and between each wind turbine
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         and the nearest public road and overhead or
         underground energy infrastructure or energy
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         transmission line within 2 miles of each
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         turbine." Do you see that?
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11 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I see it.

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- 12 Q. Okay. Can you tell me where in the

  13 Application, this would be Exhibit App. 33, or

  14 anywhere in your exhibits, you state the

  15 distance between each wind turbine and the

  16 nearest landowner's existing building or

  17 property line, not occupied, but existing

  18 building or property line?
  - A. (Kenworthy) I would have to check the

    Application to find where that information is.

    I know we contained -- we submitted a

    supplement on February 19th that contained some

    of this information, and some of this

    information I believe was already contained in

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1 our original Application filing. But, again, 2 there's a lot in there. I have to check 3 specifically where.

- So, you're saying it is in there, but you need Q. to check to where it is? Or it's not in there or you don't know if it's in there and you want to check?
- (Kenworthy) I believe it is.

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I was not able to find it. So, I do not Q. believe it's in there. In the letter -- let me ask you this then. In the letter that accompanied the February 19th Application Supplement, the letter referred the readers to Section I.6 of the Application, which had to do with icing. Have you looked at that? If you could look at that, perhaps.

> MR. IACOPINO: Just for the Committee's sake, if you look at the letter that accompanied the February Supplement to the Application, it specifically addresses where to find this information, on Page 4 of that letter. That should be -- I believe that you should have it with the Supplement of February of 2015 [2016?]. It references

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Section I.6 of the Application, and also contains a statement that there are no energy transmission pipelines within two miles of the facility.

# BY THE WITNESS:

A. (Kenworthy) I do see Section I.6 of the Application.

### BY MS. LINOWES:

- Q. Do you see in that section where it lists the distance between each wind turbine and the nearest landowner's existing building and property line? Do you see any information that looks like that delineated in that section?
- A. (Kenworthy) No, I don't see that there. I

  don't think that the requirement requires us to

  have a single table that contains that

  information. And I think perhaps the best

  thing for me to do is to take a closer look

  through all of the materials that we've

  submitted with the Application to confirm where

  that information is. Or, again, if any of it

  has inadvertently been omitted, we're certainly

  happy to provide it. But I believe it is in

  the Application. I would just need to check it

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more closely.

MS. LINOWES: Okay. Mr. Chairman,

I'm not sure how to proceed with that, if

that's left -- whether we take a recess now or

we leave that open as an open requirement. But

that is in the rules as a requirement, whatever

form it takes, and I think it's important.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Mr.

Needleman.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: I'm not sure what to say. I mean, if Ms. Linowes had a question about whether material should have been included that wasn't, we've had, I think, ten months to raise that. You know, we can't have a perfect command of where everything is in the Application at this point. We're happy to take a look, but I think she should continue on with her questioning.

MS. LINOWES: Mr. Chairman, I'm happy to continue on with my questions. But the point is, the Application is potentially out of compliance with the rules.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: So, are you willing to, once you do find it, provide that

1 to us, the site where it is? 2 MR. NEEDLEMAN: Sure. 3 MS. MALONEY: If I could just say, I mean, I thought Mr. Kenworthy believes it's in 4 there. So, maybe this is the opportunity for 5 6 people to be asking questions and get answers. 7 So, if it's there, I mean, I think that question should be answered. And, if he has to 8 take a moment to go through the Application and 9 10 the appropriate spots to do that, then I think 11 he should do that. PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: How much time 12 13 would you need, Mr. Kenworthy? 14 WITNESS KENWORTHY: Gosh, I don't 15 I mean, I think, if it's in the main know. 16 Application, in a concise form, we'd probably 17 be able to find it in a ten-minute break. But, 18 also, we have a lot of supplements and 19 appendices and technical reports that may also 20 include some of that information. So, I 21 just -- I can't exactly say. PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Off the 22 23 record.

[Brief off-the-record discussion

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         productive for you.
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: Okay.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. We're
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         back on the record. We're back from break.
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         So, I think where we were, is the Applicant's
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         panel ready?
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: Yes, we're ready.
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                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: Where's Mr. --
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         Where's Art? Hey, Art.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. I
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         think, Mr. Kenworthy, you were responding, I
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         believe.
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: Yes. Thank you,
         Mr. Chairman, for the time there to find this.
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         The Application does contain information that
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         indicates distances between each wind turbine
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         and the nearest landowner's building and
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         property line, as well as public roads. And
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         the public roads I think we called out in a
         number of places. And that is found in Exhibit
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         C-1, which is in the main Application -- I'm
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         sorry, Figure C.3, I misspoke, it's Figure C.3,
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         in the main Application of Antrim Wind. It's a
         map titled "Location of Structures". And it
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         shows the location of the turbines, the
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         location of the property lines that Antrim Wind
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         leases, which are the same property lines as
         the closest abutting property lines, and then
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         it shows the location of all structures within
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         one mile.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Mr.
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         Kenworthy, I think is that Page 8 of the
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         Application, is that correct?
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: That is the
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         correct page, yes.
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                   MS. LINOWES: I'm sorry. I'm having
         trouble. Where is that? You're in the main
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         Application?
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                   WITNESS KENWORTHY: Yes. Page 8 of
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the main Application. It's Figure C.3. It's a

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[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci]
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         map.
                   MS. BERWICK: Can I ask where the
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         main Application is found? I'm on there, that
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         page, but the cover letter --
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Why don't we
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         go off the record while everybody is finding
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         this.
                         [Brief off-the-record discussion
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                         ensued.]
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: All right.
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         Back on the record. Mr. Kenworthy.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         So, Mr. Kenworthy, the rule does say "2 miles"?
    Q.
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         (Kenworthy) I believe the rule says
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         "Description of the planned setbacks to
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         indicate the distance between each wind turbine
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         and the nearest landowner's existing building
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         and property line." There's no reference to
19
         "2 miles". "And between each wind turbine and
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         the nearest public road and overhead or
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         underground energy infrastructure or energy
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         transmission pipeline within 2 miles". And
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         that information, as we've discussed before, I
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         think we've provided elsewhere. There are --
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and it's also only providing information about "the nearest infrastructure" within that range.

So, I think, as we stated in our

Supplement, there are no energy pipelines

within 2 miles. I think we've also stated that

the nearest transmission infrastructure is

L163, which is the Eversource transmission line

that the Project will interconnect to.

And, again, in terms of -- I thought your original question was about "each wind turbine and the nearest landowner's property line and structure"?

- Q. Yes. That's correct. Okay. So, let me ask you this question. If I looked at this map, and I was one of the property owners adjacent to the Project, could I tell within feet how close the turbine is to my home or to my property line?
- A. (Kenworthy) I don't know how specific you'd be able to get. There is certainly a scale on this map that you could use to get an approximate distance from a property line to a turbine or a structure to a turbine.
- Q. And that scale is the closest being how many

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1 feet?
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- 2 A. (Kenworthy) I'm sorry?
- 3 Q. What is this scale to?
- 4 A. (Kenworthy) I'm not sure I understand the question.
- Q. Well, the scale that's there, that appears on the map, what is the smallest unit?
- 8 A. (Kenworthy) Looks like it's about a thousand 9 feet.
- 10 Q. All right. So, that's as accurate as I can get
  11 eyeballing this?
- 12 A. (Kenworthy) No, I think you can get more

  13 accurate than a thousand feet. And there was a

  14 number of data requests that we responded to

  15 from parties here about specific distances.
- 16 Q. I'm talking about the Application itself,
  17 though. A thousand feet, that's as close as I
  18 can get accurate?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) I believe I've already answered
  20 that question.
- Q. Okay. Okay. Now, in your supplemental
  testimony on Page -- this App. 24, Page 27,
  Line 15, you state, and this is something that
  you had also said the other day, "In DNV GL's

experience, based on empirical data, the furthest thrown ice detected at an operational project is 250 meters." And that, according to my calculation, is 820 feet.

So, by your own statement there, property owners that are near the turbines may be subject to ice throw on their property, is that correct?

- A. (Kenworthy) If a property owner has property within 250 meters of a turbine, certainly, it's possible there could be some ice shards that land on their property.
- Q. And are there any properties, property lines that are within 820 feet of a turbine?
  - A. (Kenworthy) Yes.

- Q. Okay. And I'm just asking a question to get
  your sense of where this -- what you think.

  What types of development, in general, would
  the State of New Hampshire knowingly permit a
  site to throw debris on an adjacent property?

  Do you have a sense of that?
  - A. (Kenworthy) I think -- I'm not sure I understand the question. I can tell you that what the state has cited before with wind

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1 projects --

- Q. No. We're under new rules. We have new rules, under new rules.
- A. (Kenworthy) But the new rules do not impose any different requirements than were previously proposed. And, so, we certainly have precedent to look at. And we have data around what is safe. And I think that's the ultimate concern here, is public safety.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) So, as I stated in my prefiled

  12 testimony, my supplemental prefiled testimony,

  13 the precedent here in New Hampshire has been

  14 about 1.1 times the tip height to the

  15 closest --
- 16 Q. Okay. So, --
- 17 A. (Kenworthy) -- non-participating landowner. If
  18 I can answer your question?
- 19 Q. That wasn't my question.
- A. You asked what type of activity the state would allow to be sited that could allow things like ice throw to occur on an adjacent property, and I'm answering that question.
- 24 Q. Okay.

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- A. (Kenworthy) And, certainly, in other
  jurisdictions, there are instances where
  turbines are sited much closer to abutting
  property owners than we have proposed here in
  New Hampshire.
- 6 Q. And I do want to get into that.
- 7 A. (Kenworthy) Sure.
- Q. So, let's talk about that. So, just in terms
  of that one property owner, I believe that you
  reference one person, Turbine -- this would be
  on the next page, Page 28, says "Turbine 4 is
  located 589 feet from the nearest
  non-participating property owner". Do you see
  that?
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I do.
- 16 Q. Okay. So, have you --
- MR. IACOPINO: How many feet?
- MS. LINOWES: "580" -- did I -- "589
- 19 feet".
- 20 BY MS. LINOWES:
- Q. Have you been in touch with that property owner and are they aware that ice could throw onto their property?
- 24 A. (Kenworthy) I believe we still know who the

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current landowner is. We have had discussions
with them in the past.
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- Q. Have you informed them that ice might throw on their property?
- A. (Kenworthy) We have public data that's been out there for years about where this Project is sited. We have testimony here that's saying ice fragments can travel as far as 250 meters.
- Q. I know -- you're not answering my question.

  Have you had a conversation with this property

  owner to inform them ice may throw on their

  property?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) We have not had that specific conversation, no.
- 15 Q. Thank you. Now -- okay. So, are you aware

  16 that the project -- the Granite Reliable

  17 Project has a 1,300 foot safety zone around its

  18 turbines, that was imposed on by the Committee?
  - A. (Kenworthy) I'm not sure what that statement is based on. I'm not aware of that.
- Q. You're not aware that the Granite Reliable
  Project has a 1,300 foot safety zone?

  MR. NEEDLEMAN: Do you have a
  reference for that, Lisa?

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MS. LINOWES: I don't have it with me. But it would be the docket for GRP,
Granite Reliable. If you don't know, that's fine.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: I guess I'd like to see a reference. That doesn't sound right to me, but my memory is not perfect.

MS. LINOWES: But I think the Committee members might be aware of it.

### 10 BY MS. LINOWES:

- Q. Okay. Now, you point to a docket from the State of Vermont, this would be Docket -- this would be on Page 28, Line 11, where you state that "The Vermont Public Service Board approved a setback of 55 meters from a property line".

  And, then, later you talk about -- you make a reference to "GE turbines" and their setback distances. Do you see that?
- A. (Kenworthy) I'm sorry. Where "later" are you talking about?
- 21 Q. That would be -- hold on a second. Let me

  22 just -- unfortunately, I forgot to write the

  23 actual page number down. That would be on Page

  24 31, at Line 13, beginning on Line 12. You

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[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci]
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         state from that -- also that same docket in
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         Vermont, the "GE" -- "For areas with remote
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         boundaries to property not owned by wind farm
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         participants, GE recommends the setbacks of 1.1
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         times blade length." You see that in your
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         testimony?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes. I was quoting the PSB.
         Yes. Okay. I wanted to talk to you about
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    Q.
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         that. Now, that -- have you seen that source
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         document from GE?
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         (Kenworthy) No, I have not.
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         Okay. So, I happen to have a copy of it, I
    Q.
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         didn't make a copy for everyone, but I just
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         want to read quickly from it.
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                   MR. PATNAUDE: Not too quickly.
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                   MS. LINOWES: And not too quickly.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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    Q.
         The document itself is a GE wind document, it's
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         titled "Setback Considerations for Wind Turbine
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         Siting", and it's dated 2009.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Will you be
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         sharing that with the other attorneys here?
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                   MS. LINOWES: I can bring in copies
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tomorrow. I didn't bring copies with me,

[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci] 1 because I was just going to read one definition 2 out of here. 3 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Well, we'll 4 see where you go with this. 5 MS. LINOWES: Okay. 6 BY MS. LINOWES: 7 Now, on Page 5 of 6 of the document, there is a table that talks about setback considerations. 8 9 And it does have one section that says 10 "turbines can be sited 1.1 times blade length", 11 okay, which is what you cited from GE. 12 (Kenworthy) I cited that from the Public Α. 13 Service Board. 14 Correct. That was in a Public Service Board 15 order by Vermont, which talks about it. And 16 what was the purpose of your citing, though? 17 What was your intent? 18 Α. (Kenworthy) The purpose of my citing it was 19 two-fold. To demonstrate that, in numerous 20 instances and situations similar to Antrim, 21 where you have vacant woodlots that are adjacent to turbines, projects have been sited 22

at setback distances that are either 1.1 times

tip height or less. Two examples, one example

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1 here is the Groton Wind Project --

Q. No, I --

- 3 A. (Kenworthy) I'm going to answer your question,4 Ms. Linowes.
  - Q. I don't need to hear your whole testimony. I don't need your whole testimony. I'm just wanting to know why you're citing from the Public Service Board report.
- 9 A. (Kenworthy) I would like to be able to answer 10 your question.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Let him

answer his question, and, again, one at a time

please.

#### CONTINUED BY THE WITNESS:

A. (Kenworthy) The reason I cited the Public

Service Board case is because those are two

recent examples where setback distances were

substantially less than what Antrim Wind has

proposed here. And, in those cases, in fact,

the setback distances that were ultimately

approved by the Public Service Board of

55 meters or 60 meters, again, less than Antrim

Wind has proposed, were granted in part on the

basis of analysis that they had done around

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         risk.
                And the default, had that analysis not
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         been done, which was being advocated by the
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         Department of Public Utilities in Vermont, was
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         1.1 times tip height.
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    Q.
         Mr. Kenworthy, you don't know the history of
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         that project, do you? You're not aware of the
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         fact that the project itself had -- was
         approved before the turbines' locations were
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         identified. And that, when the company came in
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         and identified the locations, they realized the
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         only place they could put a turbine was
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         188 feet from the property line. They had no
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         choice. So, before you go in and talk about
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         the order --
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                   MR. RICHARDSON: Objection.
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                   MR. NEEDLEMAN:
                                    I'm going to object.
                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Put this in a
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         question please.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay. Well, he's just
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         going into a long discussion without
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         understanding the facts of that project, so --
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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reference a GE document, the Public Service

But I want to get back to the GE. You

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[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci] 1 Board, there's a reference to a GE claim that 2 you can site a turbine "within 1.1 times blade 3 length". According -- and it says, according 4 to your testimony, where you cite, says "For 5 areas with remote boundaries to property not owned by wind farm participants". Now, what --6 7 what does it mean? What does a "remote property" -- what does a "remote boundary to 8 9 property" mean there? What are you saying it 10 means there? 11 (Kenworthy) I'm not saying it means anything. Α. 12 Okay. So, what do you think it means? Q. 13 (Kenworthy) I think it means instances that are 14 similar types of circumstances to Antrim. 15 Where you have large tracts of land. I believe 16 the circumstance where we have roughly a 17 589-foot setback is adjacent to roughly a 18 300-acre woodlot that has no structures on it. 19 That property boundary is roughly -- I think 20 it's about a mile from Route 9 or any public 21 access. And, so, that would be something that I would consider to be remote. 22

Okay. Then, can I read you the definition of

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GE's "remote"?

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                   MR. RICHARDSON: Mr. Chairman?
    BY THE WITNESS:
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         (Kenworthy) I don't know how GE is particularly
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         relevant here. It's --
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         Well, because you're citing GE?
    Q.
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         (Kenworthy) No. I'm citing the Public Service
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         Board order that granted a setback --
         But the Public Service Board order --
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                   MR. RICHARDSON: I would like to
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         object at this point, if I may. Because either
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         this witness has never seen this document, none
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         of the parties have seen this document. If the
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         document is relevant, then the parties ought to
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         see it, the Committee ought to be able to
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         review it, so that it's part of the record.
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         If --
                                  Then, Mr. Chairman, if
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                   MS. LINOWES:
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         that's the --
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                         [Court reporter interruption -
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                         multiple parties speaking at the
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                         same time.]
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                   MR. RICHARDSON: If we're not allowed
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         to see it, then it's completely unfair.
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Because, you know, now we have to go and find the document. I don't know where it is, where I can find it. I don't suspect I can just call up General Electric and have them hand it to me.

So, we either need to be on one side or the other. Either the document is irrelevant, the witness hasn't even it, he doesn't know about it. Or, it needs to be made part of the record, so he can see it and the parties can review it.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: And I don't disagree that --

MS. LINOWES: Mr. Chairman, if I -well, if I could say then that there is a
purpose here, but for the -- the same point
holds for the GE -- the reference to the Public
Service Board order. There is no document in
the record that references -- that looks like
that order. It's just a quote.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Well, you'd be better off to perhaps talk to him about what he did quote, which is the Public Service Board order, rather than something he hasn't seen, he

said he hasn't seen it. So, maybe you should try that.

MS. LINOWES: But we don't -- we don't have any documentation to prove that this order is real then. I mean, the same goes. If we're going to allow his reference to an order that is not in front of us, then we're going to allow my document as well.

MS. MALONEY: I'd just like to say, I agree. If the witness cited in his testimony information from this particular docket from the Vermont Public Service Board, then he should be prepared to answer questions about it. Otherwise, maybe we could strike all that testimony.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Well, --

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: But I think the questioning is about the GE document that nobody else has, is that not correct?

MS. LINOWES: Well, I'm happy to e-mail it to everyone right now. But the point is, he is also referencing a document that no one else has.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Actually, there's a

significant difference between referencing a public document that is an order from an agency proceeding and a private GE document. And I would not be opposed to having questions about the GE document, if we could see it.

MS. LINOWES: Mr. Chairman, I'm happy to send the document to everyone. And, for the record, the document was included at a public proceeding in the State of Connecticut.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: But, again, I think the point here is, they haven't seen it yet, so you're asking questions now. That the PSB document is mentioned in this supplemental testimony here. It's been on record for a while.

Again, if you're going to ask, ask about that. But let's move on from the GE document please.

MS. LINOWES: Well, I guess I would have to object then because -- object to his documentation because his definition of "remote boundaries" here is a mischaracterization of what GE is stating. And I have the official document. I have the document in front of me

as to their definition of "remote boundaries".

I don't see why it's a problem reading from that document?

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Again, if you'd like to ask him about the document he quoted, please do so. Otherwise, move on please.

### BY MS. LINOWES:

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- Q. Okay. Then, let me ask the question this way, and tell me if I'm out-of-line. Would it surprise you if the GE reference to "property boundaries" is referring to "vacant areas where there is a remote chance of any future development or inhabitation during the life of the wind farm"?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) Would it surprise me if that was
  17 the definition in GE's document?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) No, not necessarily.
- 20 Q. "During the life of the wind farm". Okay.

  Then, do you -- well, is it your statement

  today or your expectation that that property

  that you reference it as 589 feet from the

  turbine will never be developed during the life

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         of the Project or the life of your Project?
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         (Kenworthy) I don't know. It's a 300 acre
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         vacant woodlot.
         Yes. And you're saying that, in the course of
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    Q.
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         25 years, that property will never be
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         developed?
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                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: I think he just
         answered that.
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    BY THE WITNESS:
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         (Kenworthy) I don't know.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         So, then it -- okay. So, it could be
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         developed, which would mean it would not meet
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         the GE definition that I just stated?
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                   MR. RICHARDSON: We've already been
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         over this GE document.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay.
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                   MR. RICHARDSON: I think its improper
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         for a party to continue to be going back over
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         it after being ordered not to.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Are you
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         moving on, Ms. Linowes?
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                   MS. LINOWES: Yes, I am. Okay.
    BY MS. LINOWES:
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- Q. Are you aware that the Georgia Mountain

  Project, that is referenced in the Vermont

  Public Service Board order, never used GE

  turbines?
- A. (Kenworthy) Sorry. Where is the reference to the Georgia Mountain Project? Could you just --
  - Q. That would be Docket 7628. It references the docket from the Vermont Public Service Board, that would be the Georgia Mountain Wind Farm.
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) I just want to make sure I have my

  12 references clear, because there were two

  13 different dockets that I referred to in my

  14 supplemental testimony.
- 15 Q. Okay. So, --

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- 16 A. (Kenworthy) So, 7628 was Georgia Mountain?
- 17 Q. Hold on. Let me just double check that. The one that was the subject of the GE document?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Again, I don't know anything about 20 the GE document. What I have provided --
- Q. The one that you cite from the Public Service
  Board that there was a reference to a GE
  document?
- 24 A. (Kenworthy) What is the question again, Ms.

1 Linowes?

- Q. It was Docket 7508, Georgia Mountain. This would be Page 28 of your testimony, Line 12.
- 4 A. (Kenworthy) Okay.
- Q. Are you aware that Georgia Mountain did not use
  GE turbines?
- 7 A. (Kenworthy) I am aware that Georgia Mountain did not use GE turbines.
- 9 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) Again, this statement here does not reference GE turbines.
- 12 Q. Which statement?
- 13 (Kenworthy) This testimony, with respect to 14 Docket 7508. It says "The Vermont Public 15 Service Board approved a setback of 55 meters 16 (180 feet) from a 448-foot tall wind turbines 17 to an adjacent property from Georgia Mountain." 18 In that case, the Department of Public 19 Utilities was arguing for a more conservative 20 setback. Their more conservative setback was 21 1.1 times the tip height. And Antrim Wind 22 exceeds that more conservative setback

24 Q. Okay.

recommendation.

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A. (Kenworthy) And I cite an analysis that the PSB discussed with respect to the probability of an ice fragment --
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Q. Yes. And that was from the Georgia Mountain Project.

- A. (Kenworthy) Sure. But none of that says "GE".
- Q. Oh, I understand. But do you want me to read directly from the order? I can read from the order and tell you that was -- that portion that you're discussing is from the -- that references the GE document is that same Public Service Board docket. But we'll move on.

And, so, I also wanted to reference -call attention to WA-19x, since we're talking
about industry standards and references to
different projects, and what setbacks would be.
WA-19x, the last column, the first -- the large
paragraph, it's the last large paragraph in
full on that page. Would it surprise you to
know that that is an explanation of GE actually
refusing to -- or, actually, a turbine
manufacturer refusing to site a wind turbine,
because the setback distances were not
sufficient due to ice shedding? Would that

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1 surprise you?

- A. (Kenworthy) Ms. Linowes, I don't have any familiarity with this document or the circumstances that you're referencing.

  Obviously, I can tell you that, in this case, Siemens has certainly not refused to site turbines at the Antrim Wind Project. We have a representative of Siemens here.
- Q. Okay.
- A. (Kenworthy) I've provided Siemens minimum setback recommendations in my supplemental testimony, and we exceed them by a great margin. And I've also provided a number of precedents for wind projects recently, both in New Hampshire and in other jurisdictions, that determine this is a very safe setback distance.
- Q. I understand that. And I'm asking you -- let me just read from here. This would be the last paragraph, so the middle of the paragraph:

  "According to the domestic manufacturer for turbines, the town's proposed construction site would not meet the manufacturer's internal setback requirement distances to mitigate the risks associated with potential ice throws from

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[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci]
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         the turbine blades. The domestic
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         manufacturer's internal siting considerations
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         recommended that for safety, in the event of
         icing, a setback distance of 1.5 times hub
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         height and rotor diameter be maintained from
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         occupied structures, roads, property lines, and
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         public access areas."
              So, there are -- when you talk about
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         "industry standard", it's not the same
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         everywhere, is it?
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         (Kenworthy) Well, I would first point out that
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         this is referencing setbacks -- well, I don't
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         know. Again, I don't have familiarity with
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         this.
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         Okay. That's okay. I'm just -- now, --
    Q.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Hold on.
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         Mr. Boisvert?
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                   DR. BOISVERT: Pardon me. You're
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         referring to WA-19x?
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                   MS. LINOWES: Correct.
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                   DR. BOISVERT: What I have in my hand
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         is something regarding wastewater treatment
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         plants.
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MS. LINOWES:

Yes.

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         turbine -- the intent was a wind turbine to be
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         sited that would power the wastewater treatment
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         plants.
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                   DR. BOISVERT: Okay. I was not
         finding references to -- all right, I see it
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 6
               Thank you.
         now.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Go ahead.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Thank you.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         Now, in your prefiled testimony, you also make
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         reference to "participating" versus
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         "non-participating landowners", is that true?
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         Do you recall that?
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         (Kenworthy) Sorry. Where in my testimony is
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         that?
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         That would be on Page 29, Line 16. You say
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         "Turbine 8 is located 378 feet from the
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         property line of Lyle and Anne Micheli?
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         (Kenworthy) "Micheli", yes.
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         "Micheli", thank you. And that they are
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         participating landowners?
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         (Kenworthy) Yes.
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         Okay. And are they -- do they have turbines on
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1 their land proposed or do they just have an
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- 2 easement?
- 3 A. (Kenworthy) There are no --
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. (Kenworthy) There are no turbines proposed for
- 6 their land.
- 7 Q. Okay. Now, are you aware that the New
- 8 Hampshire Site rules do not make a distinction
- 9 between participating and non-participating
- 10 landowners?
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) In what respect?
- 12 Q. That the rules apply to all property owners,
- whether they're participating or
- 14 non-participating.
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) That's not our interpretation of
- 16 the rules.
- 17 Q. It's not your interpretation of the rules?
- 18 A. (Kenworthy) Correct.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. (Kenworthy) And, if that was correct, then we
- 21 couldn't site turbines on land that we have
- leases with. Right? It would be impossible.
- 23 Q. Well, it wouldn't be impossible, but you could
- ask for a waiver. Okay. And, lastly, let's

1	see, I did want to I wanted to correct the
2	record on something that you have in your
3	prefiled testimony, that is this would be on
4	Page 30. And, beginning on Line 9, you state,
5	regarding my testimony rather, my commentary
6	sent to the Site Evaluation Committee having to
7	do with setbacks, you said "In her", Ms.
8	Linowes, "March 2015 letter you requested that
9	the Committee" "she requested that the
10	Committee adopt a setback requirement of 1.5
11	times the turbine tip height to
12	non-participating property owner's property
13	lines and 1.3 times the turbine height setback
14	to the edge of the right-of-way of public
15	roadways." And I left a copy of a portion
16	of that letter, which I will validate today,
17	this is my letter. This is on the Site
18	Evaluation Committee website. But, if you
19	would look at the bottom of that page that I
20	gave you, I did not make a copy for everyone,
21	and I would ask that you read do you see
22	that paragraph that says "Safety setback
23	standards"? I left it on here, this document
24	here. I left it in front of you.

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                   MR. IACOPINO: Could you tell us
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         again what the document is that you're
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         referencing?
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                   MS. LINOWES: Yes. I did not make a
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         copy of it for everyone.
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                   MR. IACOPINO: Just tell us what it
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         is.
                   MS. LINOWES: This is the New
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         Hampshire Wind Watch and WindAction letter
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         submitted to the Site Evaluation Committee on
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         March 23rd, 2015, where we made our
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         recommendations for the rulemaking.
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                   MR. IACOPINO: It's in the rulemaking
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         docket?
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                   MS. LINOWES: The rulemaking docket.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: And you will
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         have a question at the end of this, correct?
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                   MS. LINOWES: Yes. Well -- yes.
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    BY MS. LINOWES:
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    Q.
         Do you have it in front of you?
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         (Witness Kenworthy showing document).
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         Okay. Thank you. So, if you can just read the
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         highlighted portion, and you have to look past
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the redlines.

- 1 Α. (Kenworthy) Yes. It says "The setback distance 2 between a wind turbine tower and a 3 non-participating landowner's property shall be no less than 1.5 times the turbine tower height 4 5 as measured from the center of the wind turbine 6 base, and the setback distance between the wind 7 turbine tower and the nearest public road shall be no less than 1.3 times the turbine tower 8 9 height as measured from the wind turbine base."
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) That's all that's highlighted.
- 12 Q. Okay. Now, can you look at that "1.5" and
  13 "1.3" a little bit more closely, can you see
  14 where the redlines are?
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) I'm sorry, what's the question?
- 16 Q. In fact, doesn't it say "5 times the turbine
  17 tower height" and "3 times the turbine height"
  18 in those two instances?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) It appears that it does.
- 20 Q. Okay. So, not "1.5" and "1.3", but "5 times"
  21 and "3 times". I just wanted to make that
  22 correction, because you misquoted me in your
  23 testimony.
- 24 A. (Kenworthy) I apologize. It appears I did. I

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         think my conclusion is the same, which is that
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         there's no basis for those requests.
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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay. All right.
         Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I just have a couple
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         of questions on managerial, and then I'll be
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         done.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay.
    BY MS. LINOWES:
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         And this may be for Mr. Weitzner or Mr.
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         Kenworthy. What is RWEST PI Holding, LLC --
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         Holding LLC?
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         (Weitzner) It is the LLC that RWE Principal
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         Investment set up for their ownership of Walden
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         Green Energy.
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         So, what does that mean? Is it just a
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         pass-through or is it actually a real --
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         because I don't -- can't find any information
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         about what it is beyond that?
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         (Weitzner) I'm not -- I'm not entirely sure
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         what it is. I know it is the entity that
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         owns -- that Walden Green Energy has its
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         contractual agreements with. That's the entity
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         that owns it. And that it is fully owned by
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RWE Principal Investments.

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- 1 Q. Is it expected to hold employees at some point?
- 2 According to BuzzFeed, it has one employee?
- 3 A. (Weitzner) I don't think that's expected to
- 4 change.
- 5 Q. Okay. Now, Mr. Weitzner, there are three
- 6 people that you list as Walden Green Energy.
- 7 There is yourself, Mr. Manahilov, --
- 8 A. (Weitzner) "Manahilov".
- 9 Q. Thank you. And Ms. Valdo --
- 10 A. (Weitzner) Valdovinos.
- 11 Q. Thank you. And I took the liberty of looking
- them up on Linkedin. And I just wanted to ask
- you, from what I can tell, in Linkedin, you
- 14 founded a company called "Walden Renewables",
- is that correct, back in 2011?
- 16 A. (Weitzner) That's correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. Now, who was with you during -- when you
- 18 did Walden Renewables?
- 19 A. (Weitzner) That was just me.
- 20 Q. Okay. So, you're a sole proprietor?
- 21 A. (Weitzner) Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. And, then, Ms. -- can I call them
- "Sarah" and "George"?
- 24 A. (Weitzner) Sure.

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- Q. Sarah and George joined you in 2013, is that correct?
- A. (Weitzner) In 2013, we -- they joined me and we formed Walden Green Energy.
- Q. Okay. And did you -- did Walden Renewables just disappear or did it fold into Walden Green Energy?
- 8 A. (Weitzner) It's still somewhat active, but not very active.
  - Q. Okay. So, those projects that you had worked on as Walden Renewables, did they fold into Walden Green Energy?

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- 13 (Weitzner) Those -- they did not fold into Α. 14 Walden Green Energy. There was sort of a 15 gradual transition from Walden Renewables doing 16 some solar Project, Walden Renewables then 17 partnered with George to do an additional --18 George, yes, to do an additional solar project. 19 And, then, when we brought in Sarah, we formed 20 Walden Green Energy.
  - Q. Okay. Now, also according to the Linkedin for George, it says that he is a co-founder and principal of MR Power, which appears to be in the UK or somewhere in Europe, is that correct?

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[PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci]
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- A. (Weitzner) I don't know where it is domiciled exactly. But MR Power has built, developed, financed, owns and operates a number of renewable energy projects in eastern Europe.
  - Q. Okay. So, he is doing that coincident, according to Linkedin, he is still working as part of MR Power, is that correct?
  - A. (Weitzner) Similar to Walden Renewables, MR

    Power is not very active at the moment. And

    the three of us are all -- have all of our

    attention focused on Walden Green Energy.
- 12 Q. Okay. So, you're three time -- full-time then,
  13 the three of you, is what you're saying?
- 14 A. (Weitzner) Yes. Yes.

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- 15 Q. Okay. Now, I wanted to ask you a question

  16 regarding the solar projects that you worked

  17 on. And what I -- there are -- you list about

  18 10 megawatts of solar, is that correct?
- 19 A. (Weitzner) Sounds about right, yes.
- Q. Most of those projects were developed as part of Walden Renewables, as opposed to Walden Green Energy?
- 23 A. (Weitzner) Correct.
- Q. Okay. Now, this, when I looked, it was

difficult for me to find, for instance, when
you -- one of the projects was Whitcomb -Whitcomb Wind Farm?

A. (Weitzner) Whitcomb Solar.

- Q. Oh, Whitcomb Solar, okay. Now, when I looked that up on the Public Service Board's website, this was in Vermont, I didn't see any reference to you in any of the proceedings, is that correct? Is that -- would that be your expectation, too?
- A. (Weitzner) That's correct. Walden Renewables, myself and George, financed the development, design, and eventually sold that project. Our partner in that, we provided 85 percent of the financing, and we provided all of the direction for that development. But we were not named or directly involved in the PSB docket. That would have been Encore Redevelopment at the time.
- Q. Okay. And what was the price of that project or the development cost of that project?
- 22 A. (Weitzner) Did I provide that information?
- 23 Q. I don't think -- I don't see where it was provided.

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1 A. (Weitzner) I would consider that information proprietary, confidential.
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- Q. Okay. Then, let me ask you this. I did see on the DOER, which is the Department of -- oh,
  God, what does "DOER" stand for? This is the
  Massachusetts Department of --
- 7 A. (Weitzner) -- Energy and Resources, I believe.
  - Q. Thank you. I do have a printout from their website for the RPS solar carve-out projects, and they list two projects that you worked on.

    These would be the Hubbardston Solar and the Palmer Solar projects?
- 13 A. (Weitzner) Yes.

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- 14 Q. And they actually do list a cost per watt of \$2.83.
- 16 A. (Weitzner) Okay.
- 17 Q. And, so, those projects are each, I believe,

  18 two and a half megawatts in size. And, so, the

  19 total price for one of those projects would be

  20 7.2 million and the other 7.2 million, does

  21 that sound about right?
- 22 A. (Weitzner) Okay.
- Q. Okay. So, what -- So, that means that, if we transfer that same price to all of the

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         projects, we're talking about $28 million on
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         projects, of the 10 megawatts, at $2.83 a watt,
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         about $28 million spread across eight projects,
         does that sound about right?
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         (Weitzner) Yes.
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         Okay. Now, and given that solar projects are,
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         for instance, in the State of Vermont, solar
         projects are subject to a feed-in tariff, is
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         that correct?
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         (Weitzner) The Whitcomb Project was, yes.
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         And what is the price? What is the price of
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         the -- that it's receiving? You don't have to
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         tell me the PPA, but what is the price under
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         the feed-in tariff?
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         (Weitzner) That's the same thing as the PPA.
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         Okay. I wasn't sure if it was different from
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         that. But go ahead. So, what would that be?
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                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: Is that confidential
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         under the PPA?
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                   MS. LINOWES: I believe it's public
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         information. It's under the --
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    BY THE WITNESS:
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         (Weitzner) $270 a megawatt-hour.
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BY MS. LINOWES:

1 Q. Okay. So, \$27 --

- 2 A. (Weitzner) \$270 a megawatt-hour.
- 3 Q. I'm sorry. Twenty-seven (27) cents a kilowatt?
- 4 A. (Weitzner) Yes.
- 5 Q. So, and when I looked up the Whitcomb, for
- 6 example, it was a one-day hearing, and then the
- 7 approval came after that. So, it's not -- it's
- 8 not a onerous project, like you would see, say,
- on this Project -- a proceeding as you would
- see on this Project, is that correct?
- 11 A. (Weitzner) I would say we were quite involved
- in the process. And it was a -- excuse me, it
- was a fairly onerous process. The application
- 14 was pretty large, given that it was a solar
- project. So, I wouldn't agree with that.
- 16 Q. And was there any opposition to the project?
- 17 A. (Weitzner) Yes. There was some opposition.
- 18 Q. All right. Then, so, on scale, though, there
- is a difference, though? Would you agree
- there's a difference in scale between eight
- 21 projects representing 10 megawatts versus one
- 22 project representing 28.8 megawatts?
- 23 A. (Weitzner) There's a difference?
- 24 Q. In scale of the projects?

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A. (Weitzner) I suppose, yes.

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- Q. Okay. Now, okay, and the last line of questioning, I wanted to talk to you about the -- I don't know if you're aware, if you've read the Deloitte document that was part of the original Antrim Wind docket? Are you familiar with that there was such a report?
  - A. (Weitzner) I'm familiar that there was such a report, yes.
- 10 Okay. Now, and the Antrim Wind, the -- one of Q. 11 the obligations of Antrim -- one of the 12 requirements that the Committee has to find is 13 that you have the managerial, financial, and 14 technical ability to construct and operate the 15 Project. The principals in Antrim Wind back in 16 2012 are different from the principals that are 17 involved today, correct?
- 18 A. (Witness Weitzner nodding in the affirmative).
- 19 Q. So, Joseph Cofelice --
- [Court reporter interruption.]
- 21 BY MS. LINOWES:
- Q. Sorry. Joseph Cofelice and Sean McCabe were
  the principals, along with Mr. Kenworthy, back
  in 2012. So, I want to just read from the

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         Deloitte report. It lists Mr. Cofelice, it
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         says he was president of Catamount Energy
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         Company, a Vermont-based independent power
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         company focused on wind power. And there's a
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         table showing that he had developed
         854.5 megawatts of wind before he became
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         involved with the Antrim Wind Project. Now,
         have you developed any wind projects?
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         (Weitzner) I'm currently developing this
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         Project, and two projects in Pennsylvania.
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         So, you have never actually been through the
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         construction process, nor have you been through
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         the operation process of a wind project?
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         (Weitzner) I've been through the construction
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         process of numerous solar projects. And, in my
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         previous job, been intimately involved with the
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         operations and developing the infrastructure
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         for many complex energy projects. Everything
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         from natural gas storage, to on-vessel LNG
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         regasification, to large oil and liquid
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         refineries. So, I would say --
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         But not a wind project?
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Okay. And I just had a question. How many

(Weitzner) Not specifically a wind project, no.

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1 moving parts are there on a solar project?

- 2 A. (Weitzner) There are no moving parts.
- 3 Q. Okay. So, you don't lose blades?
- 4 A. (Weitzner) No.
- Q. Have you ever had your solar plants get struck
  by lightning?
- 7 A. (Weitzner) I've had a solar hot water project damaged by hail.
- 9 Q. Is that the one that's related to the -- the
  10 Brandeis one?
- 11 A. (Weitzner) Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. All right. And, then, so talking about
  13 Mr. McCabe, Sean McCabe, he was also -- he was
  14 a managing director of wind development at Duke
  15 Energy, developed numerous wind projects. But
  16 also a vice president of Catamount, which also
  17 did wind projects.

And, then, lastly, Mr. Kenworthy is cited
in the Deloitte project -- document, and I
wanted to read, summarize really quickly,
because I want to ask you how comparable your
experience is. So, it says here in the summary
of technical and managerial ability. It says
"Mr. Cofelice appears to have significant

experience in power industry generally and renewable" -- "generally, renewable energy specifically, and in leading teams and organizations involved in development of projects and in transactions. As such, he appears to have the appropriate level of experience to lead the team."

For Mr. McCabe, it says "Based on his experience, Mr. McCabe appears to have some experience in developing wind projects over the past eight years, including a relatively large one. We did not find evidence to suggest he is not capable of competently performing in his role."

On Mr. Kenworthy, it says "Based on our understanding of Mr. Kenworthy's role in Cape Systems", which was the Bahamas project, I believe, "as presented in the above-mentioned article, it appears that he demonstrated a significant level of entrepreneurial spirit in developing the projects, but he was involved" -- "that he was involved with in the Bahamas, although the projects appear to be on a smaller scale than the project", being this project.

"It appears, however, that he has the ability to lead in developing greenfield projects and could complement the more direct experience of other members of the Project Team."

And, finally, for Mr. Soininen, it says that "He does not appear to have experience in developing power projects."

So, if I had -- if the Committee is comparing the experience level of Westerly Wind, Mr. Cofelice and Mr. McCabe, with Mr. Kenworthy complementing that effort as an entrepreneurial spirit, to what your management team looks like, there appears to be a disconnect. Can you respond to that?

A. (Weitzner) I don't agree. I think the Walden Green Energy management team has an enormous amount of experience. And I would have to argue that it has a good deal more experience than, with all due respect to Mr. Cofelice and Mr. McCabe, in that Walden is 50 percent controlled and majority owned by RWE that has developed over 3,000 megawatts of wind. They have an enormous amount of technical —

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DR. WARD:

Can I ask the witness to

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please speak into the microphone please?

2 WITNESS WEITZNER: Sorry.

3 DR. WARD: Thank you.

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A. (Weitzner) They have an enormous amount of managerial and technical expertise, which is being brought to bear on this process.

### BY MS. LINOWES:

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- 9 Q. Okay. So, let me ask you this question.

  10 Because accord to -- you did provide a project

  11 list, which I'm not sure if it's in the record

  12 now, but you did, in response to a Counsel for

  13 the Public's request, and it appears that the

  14 RWE projects here in the United States, none of

  15 them are wind projects, is that correct?
  - A. (Weitzner) RWE has not built any wind in the United States. Yes, that's correct.
  - Q. So that wind energy experience is resident in Germany or Europe, not here in the United States, is that correct?
- A. (Weitzner) No, I don't agree. The wind
  experience from RWE may be resident in Germany,
  but, on top of that, we have hired a very, very
  strong team, sitting at this table. DNV GL,

Siemens, and Reed & Reed, that all extensive
experience in the U.S. So, I think that we
cover that base very, very -- very, very
extensively.

- Q. And I appreciate that, but I believe that
  the -- that you, ultimately, are the management
  team. You ultimately are running the Project,
  you ultimately run the finances. So, they are
  your employees, if you -- or contractors, if
  you will, is that an accurate way of presenting
  it?
- 12 A. (Weitzner) Yes.

- Q. Okay. So, it would come down to your ability to manage technically, your technical and managerial ability to run this Project?
  - A. (Weitzner) Absolutely. It comes down to our technical and managerial ability to manage large energy projects, large infrastructure projects that we have done, that both RWE has done, and the Walden Green Energy management team has done as well, in a very similar situation, applying managerial skills to a team of technical performers and technical advisors that are, I think, you know, peerless in the

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                   MS. LINOWES: Okay. All right.
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         Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Thank you.
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         Does the Audubon Society have any questions?
                   MR. REIMERS: Yes, we do. I have
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         exhibits to hand out.
                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. We'll
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         go off the record while these are being
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         distributed.
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                        identification.)
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                         [Atty. Reimers distributing
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                         documents.]
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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: So, why don't
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         we go back on the record. So, Mr. Ward, you
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         have concerns about whether you need to --
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                   DR. WARD: Well, there are --
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                         [Court reporter interruption.]
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                   DR. WARD: There were lots of
         discussions between Ms. Linowes and Mr.
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1 Kenworthy about the distance of setbacks and 2 ice throw and things like that, all of which 3 involve a lot of meteorology. And I had sort of passed on those, assuming that at some point 4 5 we would get to it. But now I'm looking down, and all I 6 7 see is "noise", "shadow flicker", and it sort of implies that, if this goes by, then I won't 8 have a chance to ask questions about setbacks 9 10 and safety and things like that. 11 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Let me ask the Applicant. Is Mr. Martin, when he comes in 12 13 with Panel Number 6, is that the type of topic he's expected to address? 14 15 MR. NEEDLEMAN: No. That's civil 16 engineering. 17 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. So, 18 again, I'll ask the Applicant. So, where in 19 the panel set up, in your view, is that an 20 appropriate type of question? 21

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Here. Those are -- I mean, that was specifically the issue of technical and managerial capability, and Mr. Ward asked his questions. So, I'm not sure

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# [PANEL: Kenworthy~Weitzner~Stovall~Cavanagh~Marcucci] 1 why we're back here again. PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. So, 2 3 Mr. Ward, we'll press on with Audubon. I'll give you a little bit of leeway, since there 4 5 was some discussion on Tuesday of uncertainty of where things fit in. How long do you think 6 7 you would need? DR. WARD: Oh, I wouldn't think more 8 than 10 or 15 minutes. 9 10 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay. I'll 11 try to hold you to the smaller of that, okay? 12 DR. WARD: I've done it in two and a 13 half. PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Go ahead. 14 15 DR. WARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 16 MR. REIMERS: Good morning. My name 17 is Jason Reimers. I'm with the law firm of BCM

MR. REIMERS: Good morning. My name is Jason Reimers. I'm with the law firm of BCM Environmental & Land Law, in Concord. And I represent the Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

What I've handed out is a revised witness and exhibit list. And I added three exhibits, 8, 9, and 10. So, you can just replace your prior list with these.

BY MR. REIMERS:

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Q. Mr. Kenworthy, you are an executive officer at
Antrim Wind Energy, LLC?
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- 3 A. (Kenworthy) That's correct.
- Q. And Antrim Wind Energy, LLC is the sole
  Applicant in this case?
- 6 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And you are also currently head of Project

  Development at Walden Green Energy?
- 9 A. (Kenworthy) That's right.
- Q. And, at the time of the 2012 Antrim Wind docket, you were the founder of Eolian Renewable Energy?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, that's right.
- 14 Q. And Eolian was the developer of that 2012

  15 Antrim Wind proposed project, is that right?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) Eolian was a joint owner of Antrim
  17 Wind Energy, LLC, together with Westerly Wind,
  18 at the time of the 2012 Application.
- 19 Q. So, would it be one of the original developers of that project?
- A. (Kenworthy) Oh, I would say Eolian is the
  original developer of the project. It's just
  we weren't the only owner of Antrim Wind in
  24 2012.

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Q. Okay. And what was your involvement in the prior Antrim Wind docket?
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- 3 (Kenworthy) Similar to this docket, I provided Α. testimony. I was responsible for all of the 4 5 local landowner relations and negotiations, 6 Town of Antrim relations and negotiations, 7 engagement with stakeholders across New 8 Hampshire, dealing with most of the technical 9 consultants that were involved in helping us to 10 prepare the application, advancing 11 interconnection work with ISO-New England, 12 meteorological work. Pretty much the same 13 types of activities that I've done this time.
  - Q. Okay. And, in 2012, the SEC denied the Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility, right?
- 17 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, they did.
- 18 Q. What renewable or wind projects has Eolian constructed?
- 20 A. (Kenworthy) Eolian has been bought by Walden
  21 Green Energy, --
- 22 Q. Uh-huh.

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23 A. (Kenworthy) -- as I believe you know. And, so,
24 Eolian so no longer around. Prior to it being

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        acquired, it had no constructed any utility
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        scale wind projects or any wind projects.
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- 3 You state in your prefiled testimony that your Q. current position as head of development at 4 5 Walden includes "leading and managing all aspects of development for wind projects 7 located in the U.S. currently in the Company's 8 pipeline." Is that correct?
- 9 (Kenworthy) Yes, it is. Α.

- 10 Are you currently leading and managing all Q. 11 aspects of development of the proposed Antrim 12 Wind Project?
- 13 (Kenworthy) Yes, together with Mr. Weitzner, Α. 14 and with his -- with his management.
- 15 And, besides the Antrim Wind Project, what Q. 16 other wind projects in the U.S. are you 17 currently leading and managing all aspects of 18 development for?
- 19 (Kenworthy) There's two wind projects in Α. 20 Pennsylvania.
- 21 And what are the size of those proposed Q. 22 projects? Sizes?
- 23 (Kenworthy) Ninety (90) megawatts and Α. 24 approximately 65 megawatts.

Q. And at what stage are those projects in?

- A. (Kenworthy) The 90-megawatt project is a similar stage, maybe slightly more advanced than Antrim. We expect to start construction later this year. Using 3.6 or 3.45-megawatt turbines. So, we have -- we're in the final stages of permitting now, interconnection agreements have been signed, and we expect to start construction this year.
- Q. You further described your responsibilities as including "identifying and analyzing potential wind energy investment opportunities and leading potential investment projects through the research, analysis, modeling, and recommendation phases." To what potential investment projects have you led through the research, analysis, modeling, and recommendation phases?
  - A. (Kenworthy) I can't disclose projects that
    we've evaluated that aren't part of our
    portfolio. There's quite a few projects that
    we've taken a look at over the years and aren't
    currently developing. I've described the three
    projects that we are currently developing. But

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- the ones that we've evaluated are all subject
  to confidentiality agreements between ourselves
  and other parties.
- Q. In your prefiled testimony, you discuss changes to the Antrim Wind Project that were made since the 2012 project was denied, is that right?
- 7 A. (Kenworthy) That sounds right. Can you -- is this my original prefiled testimony?
- 9 Q. It is. Page 8.
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) Okay.
- 11 Q. You describe changes that have been made?
- 12 A. (Kenworthy) Yes. I see some description here
  13 of changes that were made in that portion of my
  14 testimony, yes.
- 15 Q. How many turbines were proposed in the 2012 16 project?
- 17 A. (Kenworthy) Ten turbines.
- 18 Q. And how many are currently proposed?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Nine turbines.
- 20 Q. So, there's one less turbine?
- 21 A. (Kenworthy) Correct.
- 22 Q. The current configuration removes what was
- Turbine Number 10?
- 24 A. (Kenworthy) That is correct.

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- Q. Are the other nine turbines in the same locations as they were in 2012?
- 3 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, they are.
- Q. So, the locations of nine of the -- all nine of the turbines that you're proposing now are in the same location as you proposed in 2012?
- 7 A. (Kenworthy) Yup.
- Q. On Page 8, you state that "Turbine Number 10 was identified in Docket 2012-01 as having a particularly strong impact upon Willard Pond, and AWE has removed it to directly address that concern." Is that correct?
- 13 A. (Kenworthy) That is correct.
- 14 Q. You were present when the SEC deliberated in
  15 2012 and denied the Certificate of Site and
  16 Facility, weren't you?
- 17 A. (Kenworthy) I was.
- Q. Please look at what I just handed you, ASN -Exhibit ASNH 8. Do you have that in front of
  you?
- 21 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I do.
- Q. Okay. Do you recognize this as the cover page and an excerpt from the SEC deliberations in 2012?

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A. (Kenworthy) Yes.

- Q. Please look at Page 2, you know, not the cover page, and at Line 8 -- beginning at Line 18, please read aloud Lines 18 to 24.
  - A. (Kenworthy) It says "If it were a matter of just one being removed [moved?] or one being deleted from the Project, that would be one thing, but in my mind, it's not solved with the change of one turbine."
- 10 Q. And please continue.
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) "So, I end up concluding there

  12 really is no meaningful mitigation step that

  13 could be taken. We could write all sorts of",

  14 then it stops.
  - Q. Okay. That is the -- those are the words of Chairman Ignatius, now Judge Ignatius. Did Chairman -- based on what you just read, did Chairman Ignatius think that the removal of one turbine was the meaningful -- was meaningful mitigation?

MR. NEEDLEMAN: I'm going to object.

The record is what is. I don't think he should be asked to interpret what the prior Committee understood.

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- 1 MR. REIMERS: That's okay.
- 2 PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: That's
- 3 sustained.
- 4 BY MR. REIMERS:
- 5 Q. You made additional changes to the project as
- 6 well?
- 7 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, we did.
- 8 Q. Turbine Number 9 was reduced from 492 feet to
- 9 446.2 feet?
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) That's correct.
- 11 Q. Okay. That's reduction of 44.8 feet?
- 12 A. (Kenworthy) That sounds about right.
- 13 Q. Does that sound like a 9 percent reduction?
- 14 A. (Kenworthy) I don't do math that quickly in my
- 15 head. But it sounds about right.
- 16 Q. Okay. If you'd like, I could give you a
- 17 calculator?
- 18 A. (Kenworthy) I'll take your word.
- 19 Q. Okay. Is this a reduction in tower height or
- 20 blade height or both?
- 21 A. (Kenworthy) Both.
- 22 Q. Can you explain?
- 23 A. (Kenworthy) Sure. In 2012, the project was
- proposing to use Acciona AW3000-116 turbines,

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which had a 116-meter rotor diameter, and were sited on 92 and a half meter hub heights, or 92 and a half meter towers.

In this case, for Turbine 9, the rotor diameter is 113 meters. So, you've got a 3-meter shorter rotor diameter, and the tower in this case is 79 and a half meters. So, the tower is significantly shorter. It's roughly the same tower height as Lempster, for example.

10 Q. Just for Turbine 9?

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- 11 A. (Kenworthy) Correct. Sorry, let me just

  12 clarify. The tower -- the tower height of 79

  13 and a half is just for Turbine Number 9. The

  14 rotor diameter of 113, from 116, is all nine

  15 turbines.
- 16 Q. And you also have reduced the heights of
  Turbines 1 through 8, right?
- 18 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- 19 Q. From 492 feet, to 488.8 feet?
- 20 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- 21 Q. That's a reduction of 3.2 feet per turbine?
- 22 A. (Kenworthy) That sounds right.
- Q. And would you agree that that's less than a one percent reduction?

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- 1 A. (Kenworthy) That also sounds right.
- Q. Are you familiar with the word "story", as in "how many stories tall a building is"?
- 4 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- Please look at the next exhibit, Number 9. In the middle, do you see where it says "How many feet in one story?" The answer is "10.8", a bunch of other numbers after it?
- 9 A. (Kenworthy) I see it.
- Q. Okay. So, Turbines 1 through 8 are each 488 -
  would be 488.8 feet tall. I can give you my

  calculator, but, if you divide 488.8 by 10.8,

  does it sound correct to you that Turbines 1

  through 8 would each be 45 stories tall?
- 15 A. (Kenworthy) That sounds about right.
- 16 Q. And Turbine 9 would be approximately 41 stories tall?
- 18 A. (Kenworthy) That also sounds about right.
- 19 Q. Okay. Please look at the next exhibit, Number
  20 10. Do you know what the tallest building in
  21 New Hampshire is?
- 22 A. (Kenworthy) No.
- Q. Can you look at the exhibit? And do you see ranked number one, where it says "One City Hall

- 1 Plaza", in "Manchester"?
- 2 Α. (Kenworthy) Yes, I see it.
- 3 Do you have any reason to believe that that is Q. not the tallest building in New Hampshire? 4
- 5 (Kenworthy) I don't have any reason to believe it's not or that it is, I don't know. 6
- 7 Okay. Well, assuming that it is, do you see Q. 8 where it says that City Hall Plaza is 275 feet 9 tall?
- 10 (Kenworthy) I see that, yes. Α.

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- 11 So, Turbines 1 through 8 would each be more Q. 12 than 200 feet taller than City Hall Plaza?
- 13 (Kenworthy) Yes. These are wind turbines. Α.
- 14 They need to be tall to collect wind. 15 Understood. And Turbine 9 would be
- 16 approximately 171 feet taller than City Hall 17 Plaza?
- 18 Α. (Kenworthy) Again, that sounds -- sounds about 19 right.
- 20 Q. And you are also proposing to build a permanent 21 100-foot met tower?
- 22 (Kenworthy) One hundred (100) meter met tower.
- 23 Oh, 100-meter met tower. Approximately Q. 24 300 feet?

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A. (Kenworthy) 327 or so.

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- 2 I just have one clarifying question from the Q. 3 other day. It's not -- it's more in the orderly development, but I want to make sure 4 5 that I heard correctly. You were describing 6 the number of acres compared -- that you're 7 proposing to have conservation easements on with this proposal, compared to your 2012 8 proposal. And I believe you said that the 2012 9 10 proposal would conserve somewhere in the 600s? 11 Those number of acres?
  - A. (Kenworthy) Yes. There's a couple of steps.

    When we filed our Application in January of

    2012, there were 685 acres that were proposed.
  - Q. Okay. And what was the next step?
- A. (Kenworthy) In I believe it was either December
  of 2012 or January of 2013, we added an
  additional 123 acres from the Whittemore Trust
  property, which would have brought that up to
  808 acres.
- Q. So, the project that was denied by the SEC in 2012 proposed conserving 808 acres? 808?
- 23 A. (Kenworthy) Yes. That's right.
- 24 Q. Okay. And now you're proposing an additional

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- A. (Kenworthy) That's correct.
- 3 Q. Okay. The difference between then and now is 4 100 acres?
  - A. (Kenworthy) If you're talking about "then"

    being when we filed, it's more than that. If

    you're talking about "then" being when the SEC

    made the decision, yes. It would be an extra

    100 acres on-site, which again connects

    everything together, and is 100 percent of the

    ridgeline, as well as the off-site land

    conservation commitment.

MR. REIMERS: Okay. Thank you. I don't have any further questions.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Thank you.

Would the Counsel for the Public, I assume,

would like to go after I give Mr. Ward a little

bit more time?

MS. MALONEY: Sure. It will give me a chance to cross out a bunch of stuff that's already been asked.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Okay.

Mr. Ward, again, I'm going to -- I want questions, and to-the-point questions regarding

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- 2 BY DR. WARD:
- Q. Mr. Kenworthy, you would agree that ice formation is a meteorological event, largely?
- 5 A. (Kenworthy) I think so, yes.
- Q. And would you agree that the melting would also be largely a meteorological event?
- 8 A. (Kenworthy) I don't know exactly what you mean by "meteorological event".
- 10 Q. Maybe be I'll change the word "event" to
  11 basically depends on meteorological factors?
- 12 A. (Kenworthy) Or weather factors.
- 13 Q. Whatever. I'll take your word.
- 14 A. (Kenworthy) I'm a simple man.
- 15 Q. So am I. And would you also agree that the

  distance that the melting ice would be thrown

  would also be at least partly due to

  meteorological factors? For example, the wind?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Sure.
- Q. Okay. And would you then further agree that
  the distance that ice would be thrown would
  depend on the aerodynamical shape of the ice?
- 23 A. (Kenworthy) That would be -- that would stand to reason.

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1 Q. And would you -- would you care to make an
2 estimate of roughly the speed of a blade tip at
3 the time when they're operating at, let's say,
4 maximum capacity?
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- 5 A. (Kenworthy) I would not care to.
- 6 Q. In miles per hour?
- 7 A. (Kenworthy) I would not care to. But I can ask
  8 my colleagues up here on the stand, I don't
  9 know if Mr. Marcucci has knowledge of what the
  10 maximum blade tip speed is?
- A. (Marcucci) It varies, based on the wind. I
  mean, you, you know, and, frankly, the turbine
  may not even be operating when there are
  meteorological conditions that cause ice to
  form.
- 16 Q. My question was, at maximum speed, what would be the blade tip?
- 18 A. (Marcucci) I don't know, but I can find out.
- 19 Q. Is it almost or a large fraction of the speed
  20 of sound? In other words, it's almost
  21 supersonic?
- 22 A. (Marcucci) Like I said, I do not really know.
- 23 Q. Not quite.
- 24 A. (Marcucci) I don't want to guess. I can find

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- Q. But, if I said it was in the "four to five hundred mile per hour range", would you say that that's way off or is it in the right ballpark?
- A. (Marcucci) Again, I would rather have an exact idea, rather than try and assume.
  - A. (Kenworthy) I would say that sounds very considerably higher than any blade tip speeds that I've ever seen reported.
- Q. Well, I can do a little back-of-the-envelope
  calculation. And my calculation shows that the
  circumference of the tip of the blade is around
  800 feet. And, if I divide that by roughly one
  revolution every three or four seconds, I get a
  very high number for miles per hour. Not
  supersonic, but way up there.
  - A. (Kenworthy) Well, he's talking circumference.

    So, I'm sorry you're rotation, you said "a full rotation every one to three seconds"?
- Q. Right, about "three seconds", I think I said.One full rotation about every three seconds.
- 23 A. (Kenworthy) Yes. I think -- we can check this
  24 for you, Dr. Ward. I think the -- I don't

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dimension, I'm now skipping objects which are very aerodynamically light and easy to carry through the air. And I'm giving them an initial speed of many hundreds of miles an hour, I'm curious as to what happens? If these things had no aerodynamic capability at all, they would go many hundreds of feet. And, with a little aerodynamic lift, they could go I don't know how far.

You see, and the numbers that you're quoting, you quoted a number that you said "From our experience, it's no problem. It's only a short distance, relatively spoking, compared to the height of the rotor." And I'm looking at that, and that doesn't match anything. So, I'm wondering where you get your data?

A. (Kenworthy) Sure. So, let me speak to this briefly, and then I'm going to ask Mr. Stovall to also speak to this as a general matter with respect to ice throw and wind turbines. I think we're fortunate that we really don't have to speculate about this. There's a lot of data, as to what wind turbines in environments

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where icing conditions may arise do. And we've summarized some of that data for you in my supplemental testimony, with respect to what the kind of observed maximum distances are for ice fragments to travel. And, also, with respect to public safety risk, the fact that, of, you know, roughly 25 percent of the 275,000 wind turbines that have been installed in conditions where icing may occur, there's never been a single reported injury due to ice throw, is a pretty significant statement. And, obviously, we take public safety very seriously. And we've contained information in our Application, we think, that demonstrates that the setbacks that we have here are more than adequate, perfectly adequate to maintain public safety. But let me stop there and see if, Darrell, do you have anything you'd like to add to that

answer?

(Stovall) Yes, I will. Yes. And, in general, DNV GL is of the opinion that ice throw is a minor risk for this Project. Let me explain, but also I think it's relevant to provide some

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background and context, for those --

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Why don't you get closer to the microphone, if you could.

### CONTINUED BY THE WITNESS:

A. (Stovall) -- For those of you who are not familiar with the company.

DNV GL is a global company with about 16,000 employees, with a significant presence in the U.S. Our primary business is in oil and gas and maritime certification, business assurance services, and we are also the leading technical consultant in wind and solar. And we do have subject matter experts in each area involving the wind industry. So, our assessment is that the maximum ice throw distance is 250 meters, plus or minus.

#### BY DR. WARD:

- Q. From this? From this facility?
- A. (Stovall) Yes. That's a general assessment,
  and it is somewhat of an industry-accepted
  number. Further, I would think that, and I'm
  not an expert on ice throw, but I would think
  that the primary factors are the mass of the
  ice chunk, the velocity at release, and the

geometry of the release would be much more pertinent factors versus the shape of a chunk of ice.

I think the aerodynamics may play a role, but I think it's probably minor, versus the mass and geometry of the release event.

So, as Mr. Kenworthy has mentioned, we're familiar with the industry in all respects.

And we are not aware of any injuries to personnel associated with ice throws.

Q. Well, if I understand what you're saying is, that you apparently don't know of any aerodynamic effects or things like that. I don't know, I haven't studied ice throw from turbines. But I'm looking at it, and I know what I can do by throwing a flat stone on a lake, and it sails a long distance. And my calculations, my geometry, showed me that these turbines, the top of the -- at the top throw, they would be going at some hundreds of miles per hour. And I find it hard to believe that, even if it were aerodynamic, that it would fall down within 250 feet. That's the outside thing of the -- that's the tip of the blade when it's

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                    DR. WARD: That is correct.
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depending on the wind speed.

2 BY DR. WARD:

- Q. Are you -- have you taken into account the fact that this turbine is going to be on the top of an isolated hill, where the downhill, wherever the ice is thrown, it will be thrown on a downhill slope. Has that been taken into account in your testimony?
- A. (Stovall) I believe that the 250-meter ice throw distance that's accepted in the industry takes all such factors into account.
  - Q. Well, you quoted, I think either you or Mr.

    Kenworthy, what, 666,000 something or other,

    how many of them are on tops of hills?
  - A. (Stovall) A significant number of turbines are located on ridgelines. I think Mr. Kenworthy mentioned that there's approximately 67,000 turbines that are located in conditions where icing can occur. And, again, there have been no reported or documented injuries.

DR. WARD: I think I'm finished, Mr.

Chairman. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Thank you.

Counsel for the Public, how much time do you

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                   PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Mr. Rose says
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                   MS. MALONEY: But everyone will be
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         I want to ask, Mr. Stovall, your contract with
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Q. And that's during the construction phase?

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- A. (Stovall) It's during the development phase, during construction, and during operation.
- Q. Okay. So, it can be renewed, if the Project gets constructed, and you will be available for that?
- 9 A. (Stovall) Yes. That is our expectation.
- 10 Q. Mr. Marcucci, the master -- the agreement that
  11 you have or the agreement that you would have
  12 with Antrim Wind, is a two-year agreement, the
  13 services agreement?
- 14 A. (Marcucci) The Service and Maintenance

  15 Agreement is contemplated to be two years

  16 currently, but it can be extended by Antrim.
  - Q. Okay. And, apologies to you, but I understand, from the testimony on Tuesday, that Antrim was looking into another supplier for a services and maintenance agreement following the two years?
- 22 A. (Marcucci) I'll let Mr. Kenworthy answer that.
- A. (Kenworthy) Don wasn't supposed to know. I'm only teasing. Yes. So, the structure of the

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1 SMA is contemplated to be a two-year initial 2 term, with an option to extend for an 3 additional eight years. And, so, either we 4 will exercise that option, or we will bring in 5 another third party service provider, of which 6 there are numerous kind of qualified third 7 parties that perform work on turbines, including Siemens turbines. For example, EDF 8 9 Renewable Services is one such company, or 10 Upwind Solutions is another such company, Duke 11 Renewable Energy Services. There's a number of 12 large, established companies that provide these 13 services post warranty period for the turbines.

- 14 Q. Okay. And you have not had discussions with any of those folks?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) We've had -- We have had discussions.
- 18 Q. You have had discussions?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. But that would be for two years after
  21 the initial maintenance and service agreement
  22 with Siemens?
- A. (Kenworthy) Their role in providing any service and maintenance to the turbines, correct, would

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- 3 Q. Okay. So, it's Siemens to start with?
- 4 A. (Kenworthy) That's right.

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- 5 Q. It may be longer, but we're not sure yet.
- 6 A. (Witness Kenworthy nodding in the affirmative).
- Q. And, Mr. Cavanagh, you have entered into a binding agreement to negotiate a Balance of Plant contract with Antrim Wind, correct?
- 10 A. (Cavanagh) That is correct. The
  11 Preconstruction Services Agreement.
- Q. Okay. And this might -- I'm sorry about the microphone, but, if you were not to be able to agree to all terms, does Antrim Wind have a Plan B?
  - A. (Kenworthy) Yes. So, I think, as in any contract, there's outs that are for, you know, unforeseeable circumstances. But we've worked very closely with Reed & Reed on this Project for five years now. They're very aware of the Project and its requirements, and we have ever confidence that we'll execute a BOP contract with them.
  - Q. I appreciate that. So, there's no Plan B?

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A. (Kenworthy) Well, in the extremely unlikely
circumstance that Antrim Wind were unable to
come to a final agreement with Reed & Reed,
then we would need to bring in another BOP
contractor to perform the work that had similar
capabilities and qualifications. But we really
think that's a very unlikely prospect.
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- Q. Okay. Thank you. I'd like to ask some questions, I guess, about -- just referencing some questions that Ms. Linowes had for you.

  And I'm wondering if you could pull up the rules again. And, specifically, I'm looking at 301.08.
- 14 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I have those.
- 15 Q. And down --

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- MS. MALONEY: Does everybody have those?
- 18 BY MS. MALONEY:
- Q. I just was looking at 301.08(a), Subsection

  (3). If I understand your testimony, where it

  indicates "Description of planned setbacks that

  indicate the distance between each wind turbine

  and the nearest landowner's existing building

  or property line", you do not interpret that to

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mean that you have to use a 2-mile circumference there or a 2-mile distance?
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- A. (Kenworthy) No, I do not. I interpret that as indicating the "planned setbacks between each wind turbine and the nearest landowner's existing building and property line". So, if there were none, yes, that's my interpretation.
- Q. Okay. So, anything beyond the nearest you don't have to identify?
- 10 A. (Kenworthy) That is my interpretation of those rules.
- 12 Q. Okay. And I'd like to ask you some questions
  13 about the size of the -- the final size or
  14 acreage that the Project would entail. It's, I
  15 think, 11.8, was it?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) I believe it's 11.3 acres --
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- 18 A. (Kenworthy) -- that will be remaining after
  19 post-construction restoration.
- Q. And does that include the actual turbine layout and the roads?
- A. (Kenworthy) Yes. It includes the roads, the turbines themselves. It includes the O&M building, the parking area, the substation, and

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any kind of semi-permanent facilities

associated with the wind farm. So, things that

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Q. And, with respect to the roads, does that include the full 32-foot width?

- A. (Kenworthy) No. It would not include portions
  of the roads that are restored postconstruction.
  - Q. Now, those portions of the roads that are being restored, I think we've had discussions about this earlier, that the restoration will not include any woody growth or trees, is that correct?
  - A. (Kenworthy) The post-construction restoration that will remain in place during the life of the Project, yes. For the road shoulders, so, we'll have a 34-foot wide road, that will be reduced to a 16-foot wide road. And the shoulders that are reduced down will be covered with organics and seeded, but the roadbed will be left in place, in case we need to operate a crane on that road again. So, during that time, on that road, we would just let vegetation naturally regrow. And it would be

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cleared, if it were necessary for a crane to come back in on that road. It would be cleared, if vegetation were interfering with really any part of the operation of the wind farm, or, for example, in the electrical lines that are roadside.
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- Q. Okay. And, with respect to that restoration, and in general restoration of areas that I believe Mr. Cavanagh addressed, is there any plan for monitoring that restoration for any quality control, whether it's quantitative or qualitative, as to whether or not the restoration actually is effective?
- A. (Kenworthy) Yes. I think -- I can ask

  Mr. Cavanagh to talk about his experience with

  the restoration work that Reed & Reed has

  performed on other wind farms that do similar

  types of activities across New England.

It may also be a question that Mr. Valleau and Mr. Gravel can help answer a little bit later today as well, about the performance-based standard, in terms of how DES looks at these issues. Because we are, you know, essentially adding vegetation back into

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those areas, and we need to ensure the vegetation grows there.

- So, yes. I believe there is a performance-based standard to ensure that we actually have vegetation that takes in those areas.
- Q. And those are the people that you would follow their recommendation? So, if they had a two- or three-year monitoring to see if things -- is that -- do you have anything? I couldn't see anything in the Application that -- of that nature, of a formal plan to monitor, that would be supervised by a licensed forester or something of that nature, or in conjunction with New Hampshire Fish & Game? I didn't see anything like that.
  - A. (Kenworthy) Yes. I don't think we've specified an explicit post-construction monitoring program for the roadside revegetation.
- Q. Well, then, how would you be able to guarantee that that would occur?
- A. (Kenworthy) I think it's been kind of customary
  practice that these practices do work. They
  work well. I think it is, ultimately, you

know, the approvals that DES has recommended are, the conditions that they have recommended in their letter, are the conditions that we'll be bound to achieve.

But, listen, we don't have an objection to, you know, demonstrating that the revegetation is working in the manner in which we intend it to.

- Q. In the Granite Reliable Project, the project owner actually did agree to a formal plan.

  Would Antrim Wind be willing to do that, to enter into an agreement that could be monitored by perhaps DES or New Hampshire Fish & Game?

  Would Antrim Wind be willing to do that?
- A. (Kenworthy) I don't know. I don't know if it's necessary or not. I think, again, DES has already made their recommendations for final approval for the Project. I think we've had a number of discussions with them about what their conditions are. And we both appear to be satisfied with those conditions. So, I'm not sure that it's necessary.
- 23 Q. And, so, that answer is "no"?
- 24 A. (Kenworthy) I don't know what the agreement is

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1 that you're referencing. So, --

- Q. Well, this is for restoration of the shoulders,I guess, and also final restoration.
  - A. (Kenworthy) I think we have proposed a plan to the Committee about what it is that we intend to do, for both of those periods, post-construction restoration, as well as, ultimately, what the site restoration will look like post-decommissioning.
- 10 Q. And, as part of that plan, what quality
  11 controls do you have to assure sure that these
  12 sites do get restored.
  - A. (Kenworthy) Again, I don't know, there's not a specific monitoring plan that we've put in place for post-construction. I'd have to check, and I would want to talk to our environmental engineers about whether there are specific requirements under the storm water rulings, or not. I'm not positive about that, but I could check with them.
  - Q. Well, you know, I'm not -- and that's fine. I appreciate that. But there's things like all the plantings that you're going to do. I mean, what if they don't take? I mean, do you have

in mind planting trees? How many trees are you going to plant? Do you have a specific plan?

And is there a way to make sure that it's effective and that these lands do, in fact, get restored?

A. (Kenworthy) Sure. Well, I can, just to your one point, and I know Mr. Cavanagh wants to speak to this as well, we don't intend to plant trees, other than where we have indicated that we're going to perform vegetative screening around the substation area as part of the initial construction. So, our plan includes essentially taking organics from the site and putting it over areas that we're restoring, and then seeding it with a approved seed mix, and then allowing natural revegetation to occur from there.

But let me also ask Mr. Cavanagh to go on.

A. (Cavanagh) I can speak to post-construction monitoring. And, on all the projects that we've built, which are probably 90 percent of the utility-scale wind projects in the Northeast, we've developed a comprehensive quality control plan, that we monitor daily all

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the erosion control on-site to meet the requirements of the permit and the state requirements and best management practices.

On top of that, on restoration, you know, when we bring in the roads, the crane paths, when we reduce those from 32 feet to 16 feet, we seed those, and then we -- each state is different. So, I think Vermont was 80 percent or 85 percent, we had to maintain until we get 85 percent regrowth. And Maine is 85 or 90 percent. And I'm not -- and, so, we just monitor that. And it's typically a year till we get, from when we do our final seeding and restoration, normally a year, you know, one growing season, we'll get that 80 to 90 percent regrowth.

And, then, you know, projects that we've restored that are five or six years old, you know, in three to five years we see saplings coming up in that regrowth. You know, so, that's our experience.

Q. Okay. My only concern here -- well, obviously,

I have more -- not just the only concern, but

we could have a year like we had this year,

32-foot road.

which is not much rain and very difficult to get anything to grow. So, if it's just a one-year window, and nothing beyond that, then the restoration may not be very particularly effective. And, then, you're looking at not a 16-foot road, but really what looks like a

And, then, again, there's restoration that's supposed to occur at the summit, once the plant is decommissioned. And I know that that's -- you aren't addressing that, but that's something that we're concerned about now as well.

- A. (Cavanagh) Understood. The post-construction restoration, we've had years where we haven't had good growth. So, we've had to go back a year and a half later and continue to monitor and maintain it until we get that growth.
- Q. Okay. So, Mr. Kenworthy, you don't have any problem if a Certificate is granted, and it required, you know, multiple years and some demonstration that the restoration has been effective?
- A. (Kenworthy) No. I think, as Mr. Cavanagh said,

it's generally a performance standard and not a

time standard. So, it's until you get to a

certain amount of regrowth. And, whether

that's a year or it takes longer, that's not

unusual, and we don't object to it.

- Q. Okay. I wanted to go back and ask you some questions about the Decommissioning Plan. And I note that, Mr. Cavanagh, you've prepared an estimate that does not include removing the concrete, four feet of concrete off the site, is that correct?
- 12 A. (Cavanagh) That's correct.

- Q. And, Mr. Kenworthy, your interpretation, and
  I'm going back to 301.08, Subsection (8), Roman
  Numeral -- Subsection (8)f. Your
  interpretation of that requirement is that the
  infrastructure doesn't include the concrete?
  - A. (Kenworthy) Yes. My -- well, my interpretation is that it requires the removal of the foundation down to 4 feet below grade. And that foundation consists of concrete and it consists of steel. And there's cabling through that foundation, and all that steel and cabling needs to be removed and recycled. And, once

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you've done that, you're left with a bunch of rubble. And it is our interpretation that it's not required that that rubble be removed from the site.

- Q. And where did you get that interpretation?
- 6 A. (Kenworthy) It is our interpretation.

- Q. So, this particular provision says "All underground infrastructure", and you're going to agree that the concrete is infrastructure?
  The foundation?
- 11 A. (Kenworthy) I agree the foundation is
  12 infrastructure.
- Q. Okay. And you're saying it's suddenly transformed, this is no longer infrastructure once you removed it?
- 16 Α. (Kenworthy) Yes. I think that our 17 interpretation of these rules is that what they 18 want to achieve is that there's no 19 infrastructure from the project left at depths 20 from four feet to grade. And, so, if there's 21 concrete rubble that's in the ground, the same 22 as rock or crushed rock or gravel that may be 23 left in the ground, that that doesn't -- at 24 that time is not infrastructure that's

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- Q. Well, you agree it doesn't say that in this provision, does it?
- 4 A. (Kenworthy) Doesn't say what?
- Q. It doesn't say that "once concrete becomes rubble, that it no longer has to removed from site"?
- 8 A. (Kenworthy) It doesn't say either way.
- 9 Q. And there is no definition of "infrastructure"

  10 or anything else in this rules that would lend

  11 itself to your interpretation?
- 12 A. (Kenworthy) Or any other interpretation.
- Q. When you have removed the rebar and whatnot, the rebar is rebar. It's no longer infrastructure, is it?
- 16 A. (Kenworthy) Possibly not, no.
- 17 Q. So, you don't have to remove that from the site either?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) I don't know. The rebar is a
  20 recyclable metal, and it can be reused for
  21 another purpose. The concrete rubble is inert
  22 material that can be used for another purpose
  23 right on-site. I'm not sure what's so
  24 objectionable about it.

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Q. Well, I think what's objectionable about it is that the rule requires it be removed from the site, and it's fairly specific and fairly straightforward.
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- A. (Kenworthy) Again, if that is the Committee's determination, is that we have interpreted the rule incorrectly, and that that rubble is required to be removed from the site, then we would expect them to clarify that for us and we would comply with it.
- 11 Q. Okay. Well, you had previously described it as

  12 "debris". Is that what you -- you would agree

  13 it's debris at that point or what?
- 14 A. (Kenworthy) Are you referring to my
  15 supplemental testimony?
- 16 Q. No. Earlier this morning.

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- 17 A. (Kenworthy) I'm sorry. I don't recall

  18 specifically what word I used earlier this

  19 morning.
- Q. Well, my concern is this. If your plan was
  just to bury it on-site, were you planning on
  getting a permit for a solid waste facility?
  Because, at that point, it's then solid waste.
  And burial on-site is disposal, and it then

becomes, under the definition under RSA 149-M, a solid waste facility.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: I'm going to object to that. I think that calls for a legal conclusion. And I'm not sure that, with request to concrete rubble, it is subject to 149-M.

MR. RICHARDSON: I'd raise a similar concern. I'm actually dealing with this in a case that goes to trial next month. And it's typical construction practice to process concrete, remove the steel, and turn it into, you know, roadbed. They do the same thing with asphalt. There are restrictions. You can't do it within drinking water supply areas where there are wells.

But I think that -- I think the real question is is, you know, what is the mechanism of the processing? I mean, is it going to be ground up, into what sizes? You know, those types of details, you know, may be important.

But I don't think that the practice that Mr. Kenworthy is describing is unusual at all in the construction industry. And it's not

an environmental concern. I mean, it's

happening throughout the State of New Hampshire

every day, on every construction site

practically.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Ms. Maloney, do you have a response or would you like to rephrase?

MS. MALONEY: Well, I asked him if he was planning on getting a solid waste permit.

And I'm not intending to have a legal argument with anybody here, and we can have -- we can have a discussion about what can and can't be done with concrete, and whether it's a practice or not. But I can withdraw that question.

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- Q. But I can ask you, Mr. Kenworthy, did you have a full and fair opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process at the SEC?
- 19 A. (Kenworthy) Yes, I believe so.
- 20 Q. And did you participate in that process?
- 21 A. (Kenworthy) In some components of it, yes.
- Q. Okay. And, so, you weren't -- you're not suggesting that you were denied due process by not fully participating in that, in the

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rulemaking process?

- A. (Kenworthy) No. I think, to me, it seems as though perhaps there's just some disagreement about exactly what the rules mean with respect to this one particular issue.
- Q. Okay. So, if you wanted the SEC -- you did submit a letter to the SEC, did you not?

  MR. NEEDLEMAN: I'm going to object at this point. The rules say what they say.

  And we will comply with the rules whatever the Committee determines they mean. It sounds like we just have a disagreement on interpretation.

  This sounds like legislative history we're talking about.

# BY MS. MALONEY:

- Q. And I don't want to get into that, but I am looking at the Decommissioning Plan. And I think a fairly large assumption was made about the rules. And there is no cost or estimate of decommissioning with regard to the removal -- excuse me -- the removal of the rubble. So, that was sort of a leap of faith that I don't think was appropriate to take.
- A. (Kenworthy) Again, I respect that's your

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position. I don't think it was a leap of faith on our part. I think it was our good faith interpretation of the rules, and that is our position still.

As I said before, if the Committee
believes that we've misinterpreted that rule,
and that, in fact, the rubble does need to be
removed, then we will comply with that. And I
think, in accordance with the Decommissioning
Plan and the agreement we have with the Town of
Antrim, we would then form a decommissioning
cost estimate on the basis of that new scope,
and that would be the amount of money we would
need to post as decommissioning funding
assurance, and we would proceed accordingly.

MS. MALONEY: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: All right.

So, I'll poll the Subcommittee. How many

questions, how much time do you think you all will need?

[Court reporter interruption.]

PRESIDING OFCR. SCOTT: Sorry. We'll go off the record.

24 [Brief off-the-record discussion

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         hearings, we'll try to keep this to 45 minutes.
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