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Members of the Site Evaluation Committee --

My name is Richard Block and I have been a resident of Antrim since 1988 living on the ridge overlooking Tuttle Hill with a view of all nine turbines.

In most dockets involving Antrim Wind, I served not just as an approved intervenor, but also as the coordinator and designated spokesperson for a significant number of other intervenors. It was my job to help coordinate and convey all their questions and concerns.

In the first adjudicatory hearing in 2012, the Committee patiently listened to the data from both sides, making sure to give both developers and opposing intervenors ample time to present our cases and to cross-examine each other. The final order denying certification contains much language presented by both sides, indicating an honest and complete assessment was made and both sides of the arguments were carefully considered.

By the second adjudicatory hearing in 2015, the make-up of the SEC had changed. This time, the Committee was not as open to hearing from the opposing intervenors. I again served as the designated spokesperson for that group, however, a reading of the transcripts will show how often the Chair instructed me to "hurry up" when it was my turn to question witnesses. Likewise, a reading of the deliberations will show how little consideration was given to the testimonies of intervenors.

The only redeeming value for the residents of Antrim in the approval of the application, was in the extensive and specific conditions, some of which were designed to protect those residents from the negative effects of the turbines, including limits on the amount of day and night noise permitted and operation of the night strobes only under the control of a radar activated lighting system.

Problems arise from violations of these conditional specifications and the SEC's current policy of ignoring Antrim residents' concerns and input. Noise limits have been regularly exceeded, resulting in significant discomfort suffered by nearby residents, and the radar activated lighting system does not function, with the strobe lighting flashing almost all night, every night.

The SEC's long term pattern of diminishing attention to Antrim residents means at this point our concerns are being ignored. Failure to notice the November 23rd meeting to any residents or town officers of Antrim might possibly be attributed to oversight or lack of an administrative assistant, but the resulting fallout from that meeting, including a formal Motion for Rehearing and letters from the Town of Antrim and from several state legislators, should be a signal.

The Committee's response to that fallout, namely scheduling today's meeting without again sending notice to *any* residents or town officers of Antrim, and most egregiously, not even notifying persons specifically named in the agenda, can at this time only be interpreted as *completely deliberate*. The residents of Antrim are living day to day in the shadow, noise, flashing lights, and view of these 500-foot turbines. It affects all aspects of our homes and lives. The SEC's position that those lives and homes have no value, that our opinions are not worthy of being heard, and that decisions concerning the future of the Town of Antrim and its residents can be made without input from the citizens to be affected, is outrageous, unconstitutional, and completely unethical. This kind of governing must not continue.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Block', with a large, stylized initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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