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Site Evaluation Committee
Dianne Martin, Chairwoman
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Dear Chairwoman Martin and Committee,

The Select Board for the Town of Antrim wishes to thank both Committees for ensuring that we were properly notified of the order appointing the sub-committee and the timeline to be followed with addressing the investigation of complaints relative to the Antrim Wind Energy facility.

It is both appreciated and crucial that the Town of Antrim is advised in writing or by e-mail of all proposed actions and potential modifications recommended and decided upon by the NH Site Evaluation Committee and its appointed Sub Committee whenever it affects the procedural operation of the Wind Farm. By doing so, we are able to evaluate any potential adverse impact or violation of the Agreement between the Town and Antrim Wind Energy, LLC and the original terms and conditions voted upon and located in the text of the SEC's Certificate of Site and Facility approved on March 17, 2017.

As you are well aware, the Antrim Select Board voted to request that the NH Site Evaluation Committee assume jurisdiction of the Project because the Select Board felt that the Committee had the expertise, structure and enforcement authority to ensure the highest level of project oversight both during its construction phase and after the project attained commercial operation on December 24, 2019.

We as Select Board members do not possess the level of expertise necessary to adequately understand the technical intricacies of the Project and have relied upon AWE being in compliance with all aspects of the Site Evaluation Committee's Certificate of Site and Facility dated March 17, 2017.

In our letter to the SEC dated August 10, 2020, we expressed our dismay that the post-construction sound monitoring process apparently did not meet the required sound measurement standards in both our Agreement and the standards set forth in conditions of the Certificate of Site and Facility. In terms of the lighting system related complaints, it would seem to the Select Board that adequate technical recorded data is available for review by a qualified third party that will either confirm or deny compliance with the required standards as approved by the SEC when it granted AWE its Certificate.

The Town of Antrim has a financial beneficial interest in the Wind Farm's operation but we lack the oversight and level of enforcement authority that is enjoyed by and expected from the SEC. Our financial interest also extends to potential assessment impact abatement challenges resulting from

sound and aesthetic impact that may impact future real estate tax revenue. We understand that the Committee does not have an administrator presently but we believe adequate time has passed for the SEC to have mitigated this administrative challenge which it most likely has.

The Town of Antrim respectfully anticipates the following as it applies to the recently appointed sub-committee:

- a. All the proposed reviewing and analysis described under Paragraph 1 charged to the Sub-Committee may lead to a different methodology for measuring sound in the future but current findings and recommendations must not have any bearing on existing methods and requirements per AWE's 2017 Certificate. We are expecting and relying upon compliance with AWE's measurement standards as they now exist as all parties to the Project relied on the terms and condition approved in the Town's Agreement and the SEC's Certificate. We are simply expecting compliance with measurement standards as set forth in the certificate.
- b. We ask that the Town of Antrim be provided with copies of all Sub-Committees findings and proposed recommendations that will be reported to the full Committee when and as available.
- c. It is our understanding that the Sub-Committee will begin addressing all filed complaints in the order of their receipt and will continue to follow this process for all complaints received through December 31, 2021. Timely resolution of complaints is genuinely appreciated.

The Town of Antrim Select Board should receive copies of any and all reports and findings of the SEC and SEC subcommittees so that decisions made or pending can become more transparent and available to the public. SEC contact information must be kept current and readily available.

In closing, the Town of Antrim Select Board has provided its written support of AWE's renewable energy initiative since 2012 and all through the entire SEC's approval process. We support New Hampshire's renewable energy initiatives and goals but once a project is approved and becomes operational, the public expects complete compliance with every aspect of its operating certificate and if found no-complaint, corrective action must occur in a timely manner.

The Town of Antrim respectfully asks and expects that the SEC, as the primary oversight committee, ensures that AWE is compliant with all its Certificate requirements.

Sincerely,



John Robertson, Chairman
On Behalf of the Antrim Select Board