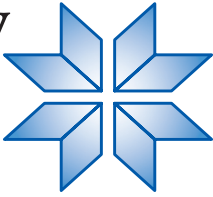


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To the SEC —

I am unable to travel to Concord to attend today's hearing, but please accept these comments.

When the SEC accepted Antrim Wind's application for a certificate of operation, there were a considerable number of Antrim residents who were opposed to the project and who felt that the installation of the huge turbines on our ridge would result in detrimental conditions imposed upon the homes and properties of nearby neighbors. During the many hours of hearings which followed, Antrim Wind testified that they would be able to construct and operate their turbines in a manner to keep their aural and visual impact within the limits that the SEC had defined as, in their view, tolerable. In spite of testimony submitted by those opposed to the turbines which demonstrated that it would not be possible for the turbines to be operated within those limits, the SEC approved Antrim Wind's application. In doing so, the SEC promised to the residents of Antrim that the regulations imposed by the SEC on the operations of the turbine facility would protect nearby residents from detrimental conditions, and further, that the SEC would continue to assure those protections by overseeing monitoring of the turbine operation.

This promise by the SEC to the residents of Antrim constitutes a contract between the parties. Any contract implies conditions and warranties which can not be changed unless all parties agree to do so. The residents of Antrim had expectations of what the SEC would do in the fulfillment of their promised duties to protect neighboring homes.

When the operation of the turbines proved to cause excessive noise, far above the limits imposed by the SEC in their agreement with Antrim Wind, it was the responsibility of the SEC to take action to control and eliminate this serious problem. The recommendation of the Subcommittee to change the testing

procedures to allow a sampling rate that makes it appear that the noise level of the turbines is below the defined limits **DOES NOT** eliminate or even lower the serious noise impact, it merely masks it on paper, and does not affect the reality of the impact on human hearing.

The SEC had a set of regulations in place which defined how noise testing would be conducted, and the methodology used in these regulations was used in determining what the acceptable upper noise limits would be. This methodology and those limits were what the residents expected would be enforced, since that was what the SEC had promised them.

Any rule change to the noise testing procedures made by the SEC **AFTER** the turbines were put into operation would constitute a breach of the contract between the SEC and Antrim residents. ***Changing the testing procedures at this point would be wholly unethical.*** Moreover, changing the testing procedures to a system which masks or ignores the generated noise and thus enables Antrim Wind to operate their turbines without regard to whether the noise generated exceeds any limits, would constitute an insult and slap in the face to the residents of Antrim by the SEC, violating the Committee's charge to protect the citizens of New Hampshire, and instead demonstrate a willingness to allow industrial energy developers to have preference and run roughshod over the rights of our residents.

Please do not approve any changes in the rules and methodologies for noise testing. Please respect and protect Antrim's residents and any New Hampshire citizens who will be impacted by industrial turbine and energy facilities in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Block', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Block