

April 1, 2014

Mr. Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Department of Environmental Services
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Dear Mr. Burack,

In spring 2013 we communicated to you the results of Alexandria's vote on a warrant article that took the form of a resolution opposing industrial-scale wind farm development in this town. That resolution passed by a nearly three to one margin. In our letter to you we stated the Town's position in the following terms:

"We believe that the large scale of these wind farms, and their siting in environmentally and visually sensitive areas, makes them incompatible with both our town's physical environment and our economic base."

We write now to inform you that the Town's sentiment against wind farm development remains just as high. On March 11 of this year the voters of Alexandria reiterated their strong opposition to such installations by approving a "Rights Based Ordinance" directed at governing the development of wind farms and other industrial energy facilities. The proportion approving (320 vs. 119) was virtually identical to last year's. However, the voter turnout (about 40% of registered voters) was even larger than a year ago. We cite these figures because Iberdrola's December application to your Committee contained the claim that the 2013 election results were skewed by low voter turnout.

Although the current Iberdrola application has been designated as incomplete, our anticipation is that this process will continue. The position of the town's residents, and of this Board, is that the Site Evaluation Committee should take into special consideration the views of those who will be most directly impacted – physically, environmentally, economically and aesthetically – by the construction and operation of such large-scale facilities. In the event a future application is accepted we intend to seek intervener status, either alone or possibly in cooperation with neighboring towns.

Respectfully Yours,
Alexandria Selectboard



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cc: Ed Cherian, Iberdrola Renewables