

Re: letters on OEP website by committee members

I read the input from Attorney Needleman, (representing Northern Pass and Northeast Utilities, with offices in Hartford, CT), National Grid representative, Mark Rielly (with offices in Waltham, MA.), Eolian Renewable Energy representative, Jack Kenworthy (Portsmouth, NH) and Edward Cherian of Iberdrola Renewables (headquartered in Valencia, Spain).

It is important for these corporate representatives to remember the NH House and Senate both passed SB 99... which calls for a review and appropriate changes to the Site Evaluation Committee. Those governing bodies realized it was time for such action, even if these four men do not think it is necessary. Needleman, Kenworthy, Rielly, and Cherian have specific opinions on the rules, but their concerns are strictly to benefit their needs. One reason for these changes was to address the grave concerns of residents who have no say in what may happen to their towns. These four men's goal is to enable their projects to obtain permits so they can use NH. Their goal is to make more money; the citizen's goal is to protect our beautiful state, way of life and what is already ours. How dare Attorney Needleman say viewpoints from private residences are not a necessary concern? These four representatives of "for profit" projects obviously do not want more stringent criteria and will disparage any one who disagrees with them, for example voicing their concern over the "make-up of the committee". We have heard that before; citizens should be replaced on the SEC with people with more "expertise". People with more expertise is not necessarily a good thing; there should be a balance.

This committee must bear in mind there are nine requests for permits so far this year (I believe two are changes to existing facilities) compared to two applications last year. Picture what NH would look like if every project was allowed free reign over our landscapes and towns. There must be stringent control and a master plan to protect NH and its residents. New Hampshire is not here to facilitate lining the pockets of officers and shareholders of companies. Its main concern should be the residents and the state.

I hope this committee will bear in mind the overall goal should be to protect New Hampshire.

Thank you,

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