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Meredith Hatfield, Director
Office of Energy and Planning
107 Pleasant Street
Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor
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Re: SB 99 Pre-Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Hatfield:

We write to express our continued interest in a stakeholder process that includes a wide range of diverse opinions and viewpoints. As a community with a significant interest in the state's future energy development, we believe this process is important to future energy development in our state and matters that directly impact the residents of Franklin

The findings and recommendations of this process should promote responsible review of proposed energy facilities, and not be designed to make it impossible to site energy infrastructure in New Hampshire. Unfortunately, the participants in this process to date seem to simply want to stop energy facilities from being built. It is important that those people managing this process do everything within their power to assure that all viewpoints – including those held by municipalities, - be carefully heard and incorporated into the end product to the extent appropriate in balancing the diverse points of view.

We look forward to continued participation in this important pre-rulemaking process. We are committed to identifying those areas that would benefit most from attention, and finding as much common ground as possible in assisting what we believe is a well-meaning and potentially productive effort.

Respectfully yours,

Elizabeth Dragon
Franklin City Manager

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