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Subject: Vermont's Renewable Energy Siting Legislative Hearing

Dear Katie,

My name is Lori Lerner. I am a resident of New Hampshire and the President of New Hampshire WindWatch. It has come to my attention that there is public hearing tomorrow night on siting of renewable energy. We have recently completed comments for a similar effort here in New Hampshire, which I thought you may find helpful.

We began a similar effort almost 2 years ago, when NH's [Senate Bill 99](#) was enacted, calling for more comprehensive energy siting criteria. As a result of this legislative action, a consultant was hired to engage the public in a stakeholder process, to develop recommended regulatory criteria. The report was completed and provided to the NH Site Evaluation Committee, responsible for siting of large energy facilities, along with an opportunity for public comment. The results of report and comments were to be used to draft the preliminary siting rules. Unfortunately, the feedback from the public stakeholder process does not appear to have made it into the draft rules although many of the comments from the industry stakeholders have been included. The NH Rulemaking process called for another opportunity for public comment, for which NHWindWatch and the Wind Action Group worked together to provide yet another comprehensive report, this time in the Rules format (attached).

I wish you the best of luck as you continue down this path. Please let us know if we can provide any assistance or further information.

Regards,
Lori Lerner
President, NHWindWatch