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Dear UTG Residents and Taxpayers,

I am writing to you today -- as Project Manager for the proposed Seneca Mountain Wind (SMW) Project *and* as a Vermont property taxpayer -- to let you know that you have the opportunity to see your property taxes in the Unified Towns and Gores of Essex County, Vermont (UTG) go down should SMW's proposed project be built.

I have been a taxpayer in Sutton and Sheffield, Vermont since the early 90's. Over the years I have watched my taxes increase significantly, but last year for the first time I ~~saw my taxes go down dramatically as a direct result of the Sheffield Wind Project. The~~ Sheffield project now pays the Town of Sheffield \$520,000 per year. This means the Town can maintain its budget while charging me (and everyone else) less. This has been a great benefit to Sheffield taxpayers, and SMW is presenting a similar opportunity to the UTG.

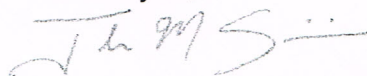
SMW is proposing to pay \$600,000 per year to the UTG for the next 20 years should the 60 Megawatt project be built. There are two key points I want to make sure you are aware of:

- SMW will be responsible for paying around 50% of all municipal property taxes in the UTG. As a result, the municipal part of your tax bill should be about half of what it is now.
- SMW is proposing to create a UTG Landowner Fund which will distribute funds each year to all UTG property owners. We estimate this will amount to an additional benefit of approximately \$900/year for each landowner.

Every form of energy generation has impacts and benefits, as will the Seneca Mountain Wind Project. I believe the facts show that in this case the impacts will be limited and the benefits real and numerous.

Every taxpayer will need to decide how they feel about hosting a wind project but I wanted to make sure you have some important facts about the economics of the proposal to consider as you weigh this decision. If you have any questions about any elements of our Proposal for the Seneca Mountain Wind Project (being mailed to you separately), please give me a call at (603) 570-4842 or e-mail me at jsoininen@eolian-energy.com.

Thank you,



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