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TOWN OF GRAFTON

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Walter Meisner, Manager
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Dear Walter,

In Iberdrola Renewables' June 13, 2016 letter (signed by Jenny Briot) to the then chair of the Grafton Select Board Al Sands, you stated that the Town of Grafton will vote on your proposed industrial wind project "on November 8, 2016."

The Select Board has not received a formal request from you regarding timing for the vote, nor has the Select Board taken action on setting a date for a vote regarding the proposed project. We look forward to taking a vote by the registered voters of Grafton. However, we may not be ready to do so for November 8. Significantly, we lack a revised Town Plan. An updated draft Town Plan still has not been forwarded to the Select Board. Since the State Public Service Board is now required to give substantial deference to town plans, we think that having a plan in place before a vote is necessary and is a matter of due diligence by the Select Board. An updated Town Plan can also offer guidance to our voters regarding goals, objectives, and concerns to be evaluated for any renewable energy project proposed for the Town of Grafton, including that proposed by Iberdrola.

You have assured us that "Iberdrola has committed to honor a vote by the registered voters ... and will not move forward ... if there is not community support for the project, as indicated by a majority of votes cast by registered voters ..."

We wish to have you reassert this commitment even if we are unable to vote on November 8 and the vote takes place at the end of 2016 or beginning of 2017. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Ron Pilette, Chair
Grafton Select Board

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