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Ronald R. Coler
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Dear Mr. Coler and Mr. Wells:

I want to thank you for agreeing to serve as local liaisons between Green Berkshires, Inc. and Cavanaugh Tocci Associates, Inc., for the baseline acoustical study in the town of Ashfield, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the study was to contract with a nationally recognized, independent engineering firm to develop a baseline protocol for existing ambient environmental sound measurements in rural hilltown areas.

In commissioning the study, our goal was to contribute to public education on the noise impacts of industrial-scale wind turbines. To our knowledge, there have been no independent studies in Massachusetts by consultants without ties to the wind industry of sound characteristics in communities before and after the construction of wind turbines. This is one of several acoustical studies that we expect to commission.

Ashfield was chosen as a location for an acoustical study for several important reasons: it is a rural hilltown; it lies along a major transmission corridor and so is likely to be the site of at least one wind turbine facility; two wind turbine developments have already been proposed there; and both are along forested ridgelines, which is a typical configuration for western Massachusetts.

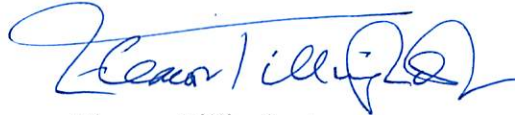
More specifically, the Ridge Hill and Mill Hill area of Ashfield was chosen because it encompasses two very prominent physical landmarks; it has been identified as the possible location of a wind project; it is close to an electrical substation; it is near the center of town yet extends to a very rural section of the same community; homes are located adjacent to the site, many within one mile of it, and several less than 2,000 feet from a ridge apex; and it has significant topographical variation.

As you know, the study was authorized and commenced in September of last year, but we did not receive the final report until November.

The long-term sound monitoring data (augmented with attended sound level meter spectrum analyzer data) produced by the study demonstrated that average lowest background L90 sound levels in the vicinity of the project area range between 24 and 30 dBA and occur late at night during calm, dry weather conditions.

Consistent with our mission to educate, please feel free to distribute the study and share with town boards and the general public.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eleanor Tillinghast". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the top of the first letter.

Eleanor Tillinghast
Green Berkshires, Inc.