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Joel A. Clark, Chair
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Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Swanton Wind Project.

As you may be aware, I have had an active interest in this issue and have made clear that the potential host community's perspective should be an important one when considering proposed energy generation projects. In addition, it is my view – and the policy of my administration – that the development of our ridgelines for the purpose of industrial wind projects is not appropriate or necessary to meet our state's renewable energy goals.

As you note in your letter, the Public Service Department and the Agency of Natural Resources either have on staff or are able to hire experts to help these agencies review the petition and under certain circumstances are able to bill back some of these costs to petitioners.

I have directed the Department and the Agency to review your recommendations and take the appropriate steps to ensure that they have sufficient expertise and resources to thoroughly review and critique all aspects of the petition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to follow up with the staff of the Department and Agency, copied below.

Sincerely,

Philip B. Scott
Governor

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Billy Coster, Director of Planning, Agency of Natural Resources