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I see I neglected to actually sign my letter to the board. I am Marjorie Kramer, Lowell, Vermont.

Thank you for reading my letter. I do recognize that we have to get away from fossil fuels. I really think there must be a better way.

Marjorie

On Mon, Nov 24, 2025 at 11:57 AM Marjorie Kramer <[marjkramer@gmail.com](mailto:marjkramer@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Dear Clerk of the Commission,

I have lived in Lowell for about 45 years full time, but I have spent summers here since 1965 when I bought land on Valley Road. I am opposed to the industrial solar project. Basically I feel Lowell is already doing its share of supplying industrial power to Vermont; furthermore the NorthEast Kingdom is in danger of becoming the dumping ground for the state. Bobby Starr said so more than once. Lowell has the largest industrial wind farm in Vermont which we were not told before construction. It produces enough power to run 24,000 homes. That really should be our share of industrial eyesores to power our state. We have 820 or so residents. There is an issue of economic justice, our NEK area has one enormous landfill which has 18 wheeled trucks arriving all day; some from as far away as Boston. The Coventry landfill is very close to Lake Memphremagog which it threatens is not a wise use of state land, The state tried to avoid having that dump exist but somehow it not only stayed, but became the main landfill in the state. Canadians drink that water, all landfills leak,

we have a prison, Lowell has the largest windmill project in the state, a fact that was not mentioned before we voted on it. Wind farms and solar installations impact farmland and wildlife in negative ways. We were specifically told by Mary Powell, the CEO and president of Green Mountain Power in a town meeting that there was no need for a ARO (asset retirement) special fund for eventual cleanup because there was a great deal of value in recycling the parts. Not so, The windmill blades and other parts have to be land filled because they can not be recycled, they are too hard. That project at least helped landowners pay their taxes. Solar projects especially on fertile fields with very good topsoil impact the soil, an Asset Retirement Account account should be set up to remove and clean up the land panels when they have outlived their use. We were told the windmills could be recycled for all the metals, HOWEVER it turns out the windmill blades and parts have to be landfilled, they are not recyclable because they are too hard. Lowell will probably have to pay for this. Lowell, and the whole NEK has done its share of producing power. The wind farm produces enough power to run 24,000 homes, we have a

population of 840 people. People move here because they want to live in this beautiful healthy country. That is not a superficial factor.