



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Appalachian National Scenic Trail  
Harpers Ferry Center  
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 16, 2003

Mr. Harley Lee  
Endless Energy Corporation  
57 Ryder Road  
Yarmouth, Maine 04096

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for your letter of May 28th, addressed to Don Owen of my staff, requesting an easement along the Caribou Valley Road in Franklin County, Maine.

The general authorities for granting a right-of-way for an access road across lands that are part of the national park system are found at 16 U.S.C. 5 and 79. The list of authorized purposes for which a right-of-way may be issued does not include private roadways or oil and gas pipelines. These uses may only be authorized through an exchange of land or interest in land pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 4601-22(b). As outlined in the regulations, the National Park Service would have to be able to make a determination that such an exchange would be in the best interest of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Not only is it not clear that granting a right-of-way to Redington Mountain Windpower LLC would be in the best interest of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, there are strong indications that this proposed wind farm project will have a deleterious effect on the scenic quality and natural environment of the Trail in this region. I respectfully disagree with your assertion that there were "no environmental red flags" when you began work on this project ten years ago. I believe there were very real concerns, which all of us recognized and vocalized from the start, about the potential visual impacts of this proposal on our nation's premier national scenic trail.

I am not willing to take the step of initiating an exchange process at this time. If it appears likely that action by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and other permitting entities is imminent, we can sit down and explore further the possibility of entering into an exchange process.

Please keep us apprised of your progress in securing these approvals, and feel free to contact us if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Pamela Underhill  
Park Manager

cc: J.T. Horn, Dick Fecteau, Donald Stack, Dave Field