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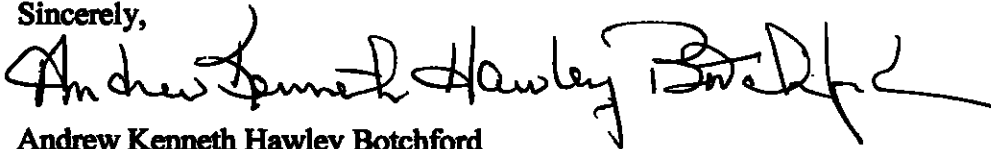
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Docket P-15056-000

My family and I are vehemently opposed to the proposed Ashokan Hydroelectric project proposed by Premium Energy Holdings. This proposal for a large dam, reservoir, turbine, and massive tunnels for use in water storage and the generation of electricity is beyond any nightmare and must be stopped. As currently proposed a holding reservoir would involve flooding the Woodland Valley near Phoenicia, NY. Our family has been a land owner and residents of Woodland Valley for over 170 years and soon to be handed down to our seventh generation. Over the years our family sold considerable acreage of the original homestead but we have always been careful to know the new property owners would be good stewards of those lands. Our family currently owns nearly sixty acres extending to both sides of the valley with the Woodland Valley stream flowing through our property. Our property has been registered as "Botchford Heritage Preservation, LLC" a move made to preserve this mountain home forever. Several years ago to be certain our lands would not be developed beyond current expected future occupancy we agreed to a Conservation Easement with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Other branches of our family are also land owners of sections of the original homestead and are also protesting this proposal. There are also many other multigenerational families with property in Woodland Valley and all totally against the proposal. The intrusive plans proposed by Premium Energy Holdings for Woodland Valley and other areas of our town and community are beyond any possible consideration and totally unacceptable. The broad human sacrifice the plan would impose, along with catastrophic damage to lands, roads, and streams must be firmly rejected. Please do everything in your power to prevent this proposal from moving forward.

Sincerely,



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