

North Ridge Wind Project, Iberdrola, Avangrid, FRAUD

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Avangrid is a subsidiary of Iberdrola along with many other companies including Scottish Power. This company may have different name but it has the same lack of principle guiding its practices and the same lack of true accountability. Iberdrola and Scottish Power are taking advantage of the citizens of many countries and using tax payers to get rich. There are plenty of articles on the internet about this company that suggest their dealings should be under very tough scrutiny. They need to be restricted in every project to the fullest degree to protect the locals in their project area and to safe guard the tax payers against this subsidy mining scheme. Iberdrola has many lawsuits against them including one involving the company cutting cost at NUCLEAR POWER stations at the expense of of safety. The Catalan regional government has stated that failure to invest properly had caused several incidents at 2 major nuclear stations. This disregard for workers and the environment is a huge cause for concern. Iberdrola-owned Scottish power has been found guilty of FRAUD and MARKET MANIPULATION which was the cause of the power blackouts in the San Francisco Bay Area. "The finding by a Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) judge alleges that Iberdrola made \$809 million of illegal profits which may now have to be repaid to the citizens of California. An administrative law judge in Washington DC slammed Shell & Iberdrola, saying they overcharged California consumers for long-term contracts during state's energy crisis of 2000-2001, with a tab exceeding \$1.1 billion, including interest." "The public was clearly, palpably, seriously harmed by the energy crisis," said Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Judge Steven A. Glazer in a 219-page ruling that charged Iberdrola Renewables of GOUGING THE STATE. Glazer ruled the company misled state officials over the negotiations of long term electricity deals, with Iberdrola charging \$371 million more than it should have." In that case Iberdrola was barred from World Bank deals for at least a year. "The most troubling cases involve price-fixing in Iberdrola's home country which, as (Arther House, chairman of CT's public Utilities Regulatory Authority) pointed out, are harder to pin on rogue operators. Two of the cases, in 2010 and 2014.led to fines totaling 4.4 million euros, or about 4.8 million ... The third case has a pending fine of 25 million euros." "Iberdrola bought the previous parent company of Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas in 2008, only to sell those utilities a few years later to UIL, a move "more resembles a real-estate transaction than a serious entry into the utility market"." These are just a small number of the numerous cases against this company and its long reaching arms.

Right now in Hopkinton and Parishville this company and its representatives are coming to our town meetings and strengthening the divide amongst the town folks. Their tactics to divide and conquer will not benefit the town and once these turbines come in only a few will financially benefit- the lease holders. Some of the lease holders are without proper financial & law council and have no idea what they have signed, not realizing what personal power they have signed away. There is no protection for the consumers, lease holders, and surrounding residents. If this company comes in it will use the grid to get the subsidies regardless of the current grid system and what it provides- The hydro dam already produces enough for this area . If these turbines produce more than what the system needs will force the damn to shut down so to not overload the current system. How does this make financial sense. This will not financially benefit the Upstate NY residents on their electric bill. Once they have their system in place

they will overcharge, as their track record has shown, and that is not financially beneficial either. This company is being allowed to steam roll through small poor towns, do biased studies, silence opposition with gag orders, and rape the local landscape while we pay for it. It is only a few steps from the use of eminent domain. There are lawsuits in Herkimer County and other areas. They are not following the wind laws that are supposed to protect the people to ensure folks are not negatively impacted by these industrial wind turbines. There is no one guarding our safety. Although this company may have insurance to pay for any damages caused in the end that may not protect people either as stated in an article (<https://www.law360.com/articles/465315/ny-utility-sues-insurers-for-coverage-of-pollution-at-22-sites>), if the pollution cause is not properly taken care of, or if injury occurs, a turbine catches fire, etc. and the insurance doesn't take care of it -these towns will be in danger. Insurance is not enough. People all over the world are affected by these large wind farm projects, filing lawsuits, and not being heard. Please do the research to help the residents be protected financially as well as their safety and well being. This large corporation is doing anything to accumulate wealth and power, that is what corporations do and there needs to be more barriers in place to ensure they are held accountable and prevent foreseeable negative impacts.

Research lawsuits, fraud, complaints, etc. of Iberdrola & its subsidiaries-

Avangrid Renewables

Berkshire Gas Company

Central Maine Power (CMP) - supplies power to more than 560,000 people in southern and central Maine

Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG)

New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) - supplies power and gas to a large portion of New York state

Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) - supplies power and gas to customers in the Rochester, New York area

Maine Natural Gas (MNP) - a natural gas company serving customers around Augusta and Brunswick, Maine

Southern Connecticut Gas (SCG)

United Illuminating (UI)

Research the European

Iberdrola Ingeniería

Iberdrola Inmobiliaria

Plants:

Iberdrola operates the following five nuclear plants individually or jointly with other companies:

Almaraz Nuclear Power Plant (1983/1984)

Trillo Nuclear Power Plant (1988)

Cofrentes Nuclear Power Plant (1984)

Vandellòs II (1988)

Ascó II (1986)

The large projects are endangering people, property, and the environment. There are lawsuits in all projects. Finding this information is relatively easy. People need to do their homework. There are many aspects that are being swept under the carpet and treated as though they are not verifiable. Measurable determinations of fraudulent dealings, a disregard for safety/ health, and environmental atrocities related to industrial turbines are available if proper research is done. The internet is flooded with articles of propaganda but if you search through the deluge of misleading information you will hit a treasure trove of facts that show these large scale wind farms have many negative impacts. Much is still up in the air due to the improper conduct of “scientists” involved who omit details prudent to the proper installations of wind power. Infrasound is real, it has an effect on people, wildlife, water quality, and more. When I asked Iberdrola representatives if they measure infrasound they said NO. This is an important detail that many are overlooking. They are not doing the proper preliminary studies to prevent health issues and there is not follow up to make sure the previous projects haven’t had an effect. This should concern everyone. “Blue Creek Wind Farm, owned by the Spanish company Iberdrola Renewables, has filed a lawsuit in Ohio to prevent two state agencies from making public what it calls “trade secrets.” The legal action comes after an Ohio bird conservation group, Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO), asked to see bird and bat mortality data for Blue Creek.”

It just goes on and on, the amount of underhanded activities to ensure their projects go through and that they have an unlimited scope. Anyone who reads this needs to help those who are unable to fight this fight to protect our health, homes, and environment.