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Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Services  
Chairman, New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
P.O. Box 95  
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

**Re: *Docket No. 2008-03, Addition to Granite Ridge Energy, LLC Facility in Londonderry***

Dear Chairman Burack:

On July 8, 2008 Granite Ridge Energy, LLC ("GRE") asked the Site Evaluation Committee ("the Committee") to determine whether the construction of an unheated storage area adjacent to an existing water treatment building at the site of the existing and previously certificated (SEC Docket No. 98-02) gas-fired electric generating station in Londonderry would constitute a "sizeable addition", thereby requiring a separate certificate from the Committee under RSA 162-H:5,I. At a public meeting in July, the Committee voted to treat the letter as a motion for declaratory ruling and asked GRE to work with the Town of Londonderry ("the Town") to make sure that its building code requirements were met, short of obtaining a permit from the Town, in the same manner that Town requirements were met when the facility was originally certificated. GRE counsel provided an update to the Committee at its public meeting on December 1, 2008.

GRE representatives, including an architect retained by GRE, met with Town officials to discuss the proposed storage facility and provided a preliminary code study. The project consists of an enclosed but unheated space adjacent to the water treatment building, to be utilized for storage of surplus parts and operational equipment at the facility. It will allow consolidation of existing scattered storage to a central area, allowing better access and safety in operational areas. The addition, as outlined on a small scale plan, would be 2,860 square feet (55 x 52 feet), approximately matching the 30' height of the adjacent water treatment building. The building will be type IIb construction, non-sprinklered (because it will not be occupied). The existing exterior metal panel wall of the water treatment building will remain in place.

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GRE and the Town agree that the addition will not require a sprinkler system and the preliminary plan for the addition indicates a building that will comply with building code requirements. GRE will provide the Town with information, designs, and drawings, and make the facility available for inspection by the Town fire inspector and/or other local officials. The site plans will be updated to reflect the proposed addition, new areas of paving, changes to site features, and studies and reports updated to reflect those changes as required by the proposed work. At the completion of the project, non-priority plans and specifications will be supplied to the Town as a matter of record.

For these reasons, GRE and the Town wish to inform the Committee that they see no reason to further withhold a determination on whether this addition constitutes a "sizeable addition" under RSA 162-H:5.

Please let me know if you or the Committee requires any further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Granite Ridge Energy, LLC

Town of Londonderry

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Its Town Manager

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