

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2008-04

**Application of Granite Reliable Power LLC,
for a Certificate of Site and Facility**

Order and Notice of Public Meeting

May 12, 2009

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hold a public meeting, adjudicatory session and deliberative session in this docket on **May 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM**, at the office of Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH, 03301

The Application

On July 15, 2008, Granite Reliable Power, LLC, (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Granite Reliable Windpark (Application). The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) for the construction and operation of a renewable energy facility in Coos County, New Hampshire. The renewable energy facility is proposed to be located in the Town of Dummer and in the unincorporated places known Dixville, Erving's Location, Millsfield and Odell.

The Applicant seeks authority for the construction and operation of thirty three (33) wind turbines each having a nameplate capacity of three (3) MW for a total nameplate capacity of ninety-nine (99) MW. The Applicant proposes the construction of approximately twelve (12) miles of new access roads and to upgrade approximately 19 miles of existing logging roads. The Applicant also proposes the construction and operation of a new 34.5kV electric transmission line for the collection of electricity from the turbines and delivery to a proposed substation located approximately one and one half miles south of the wind turbines in the Town of Dummer. The Applicant proposes the construction and operation of a new 115 kV electric transmission line that will run from the proposed substation for approximately 5.8 miles along the existing Dummer Road in the Town of Dummer and connect to the existing 115kV electric transmission line owned and operated by Public Service Company of New Hampshire. In addition, the Applicant proposes the construction of a maintenance building and a lay down yard near the sub-station in the Town of Dummer.

The proposed facilities for the most part are located on two private tracts of land identified as the Phillips Brook Tract and the Bayroot Parcel. The wind turbines will be installed in groups or "strings" located along Dixville Peak in Dixville, Mt. Kelsey and Owlhead Mountain in Millsfield and along an unnamed ridgeline sometimes locally

referred to as Fishbrook located south and east of Owlhead Mountain in Millsfield. The Applicant proposes to construct twelve miles of new roads connecting turbines within the strings and connecting the strings to existing access roads. Nineteen miles of existing access roads located in Dixville, Ervings Location, Odell, Millsfield and the Town of Dummer will be upgraded as part of the proposed associated facilities.

Procedural History

The Application was filed on July 15, 2008. On August 14, 2009, the Chairperson of the Committee determined that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purpose of R.S.A. 162-H and appointed a Subcommittee to consider the merits of the Application. The Subcommittee convened a public informational hearing in Coos County on October 2, 2009. A further hearing to take public comment was held on March 23, 2009. The Subcommittee commenced an adjudicative proceeding on March 9, 2009. The adjudicative proceeding concluded on April 2, 2009. On March 19, 2009, at the request of the parties the Subcommittee suspended deliberations for a period of thirty days, extending the date by which it must either issue or deny a Certificate of Site and Facility to May 6, 2009.

The Subcommittee met in public to deliberate on April 17, 2009, April 20, 2009 and on April 29, 2009. During deliberations the Subcommittee requested that the Applicant and the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department supply additional data pertaining to the analysis of a turbine failure in New York and to the mitigation lands included in the "High Elevation Mitigation Settlement" that was signed by some of the parties to this docket.

On April 27, 2009, the Industrial Wind Action Group (IWAG) filed a motion to suspend deliberations and reopen the record. On April 29, 2009, the Subcommittee determined that it was in the public interest to suspend deliberations and to enlarge the time frame until May 29, 2009. On May 8, 2009, the Presiding Officer issued an order granting, in part, the motion to re-open the record and directing that NHF&G and the Applicant provide additional data pertaining to, respectively, the High Elevation Mitigation Agreement and the Altona turbine failure, on or before May 21, 2009. The order permits written responses to the requested data by all parties by May 26, 2009, and partially re-opened the adjudicatory proceeding to allow cross examination on the two issues.

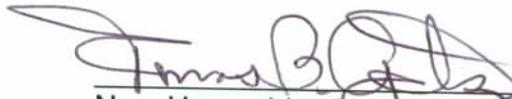
Notice of Re-Opened Adjudicatory Hearing and Additional Deliberative Sessions

On May 27, 2009, in public session, at 10:00 A.M., the Subcommittee shall re-open the adjudicatory proceeding to allow cross examination and other evidence pertaining to the failure of the New York turbine and the High Elevation Mitigation Agreement. The meeting is open to all parties to the proceeding and to the public. At the conclusion of the re-opened adjudicatory hearing the record will be closed and the Subcommittee will go into further deliberative session. The adjudicatory session and the deliberative session may be recessed to further call of the presiding officer.

Order of Publication

IT IS ORDERED that a copy of this Order and Notice shall be served via First Class Mail to each of the parties and that the Applicant shall cause this Order and Notice to be published on or before May 20, 2009 in a newspaper of regular statewide circulation and also in a newspaper of general circulation in Coos County. The Applicant shall file an affidavit attesting to said publication of notice with the Chairman of the Subcommittee on or before May 27, 2009.

By **ORDER** of the Site Evaluation Committee, this twelfth day of May, 2009.



New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Thomas Getz, Vice-Chairman
Subcommittee Chairman