

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2008-04

Re: Application of Granite Reliable Power LLC, for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Granite Reliable Windpark in Coos County

Order and Notice of Additional Public Hearing

March 31, 2009

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the duly designated Sub-Committee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hold an additional public hearing in this docket on April 2, 2009, at 1:00 PM, at the office of Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A, 21 South Fruit Street 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 Application 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 Application 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 Application also 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 Application 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 Application 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 Bayrooot 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

Application 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, Erving's Location, Odell, Millsfield and the Town of Dummer will be upgraded as part of the proposed associated facilities.

The proposed wind turbines will consist of a tubular steel tower approximately 262 feet tall, rotor blades (3) with an approximate diameter of 295 feet; and a nacelle that measures thirteen feet in height, twelve feet in width and thirty two feet in length. Each turbine will have a nameplate capacity of three (3) MW for a total project capacity of ninety-nine (99) MW. The associated facilities proposed include the aforementioned 34.5 kV electrical transmission line (the Collection Line) the 115 kV electrical transmission line (the Interconnection Line), the aforementioned roads and the electrical sub-station, interconnection switching station, maintenance building and lay down yard.

Purpose of Additional Hearing

The Sub-Committee intends to hear additional testimony from the Applicant's witness, Christopher Lowe of Noble Environmental Power. The Applicant will have Mr. Lowe appear personally and present him for testimony concerning mechanic's liens filed against Noble Environmental Power in the State of New York and the effect, if any, these matters should have on the issuance or denial of a Certificate of Site and Facility in this docket.

By **ORDER** of the Site Evaluation Committee, this 31st day of March, 2009.



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