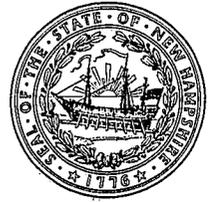




The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

April 21, 2010

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman  
NH Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Committee  
Dept. of Environmental Services  
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Application of Groton Wind, LLC  
Site Evaluation Committee No. 2010-01

Dear Chairman Burack:

This letter is to notify you that DES Water Division staff have completed their determination as to whether or not the various program applications contain sufficient information to complete their technical review. The following list contains the program application numbers as well as the completeness determination:

1. Alteration of Terrain Permit Application No. 100325-033 - complete
2. Wetland Permit Application No. 2010-00745 - complete

In addition to the above permit applications, a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the Department may be required depending on which U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permit is deemed necessary – an Individual Section 404 permit or State Programmatic General Permit (PGP). Therefore, if the ACOE decides the project falls under the PGP (as expected by the Applicant) there is sufficient information in the submittal for Watershed Management Bureau (WMB) to begin its review as related to the 401 WQC. If the ACOE decides the project requires an Individual Section 404 permit, the application is not complete until the Applicant submits an application for 401 WQC to the WMB.

The DES Water Division's detailed review of the project along with the provision for technical comments or conclusions will occur concurrent with the NHSEC project evaluation process. If you have any questions, please contact me at 271-2951 or email at: [Rene.Pelletier@des.nh.gov](mailto:Rene.Pelletier@des.nh.gov)

Sincerely,

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