

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2010-01

**Application of Groton Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility
For a Renewable Energy Facility in Groton, New Hampshire**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC
TO RETAIN CONSULTANTS**

Issued September 27, 2010

On July 28, 2010, Counsel for the Public, Senior Assistant Attorney General Peter C.L. Roth moved, pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, V, for leave to retain expert consultants and for an order directing Groton Wind, LLC (“GWL” or “Applicant”), to bear the costs of the consultant contracts and reimburse counsel for the public in an amount up to \$42,400. The Applicant filed a partial objection on August 2, 2010 and Counsel for the Public responded on August 4, 2010. The Spring/Lewis /Buttolph Group also filed a response in support of Counsel for the Public’s motion.

The Applicant assented to the retention and payment of Trevor L. Lloyd – Evans and David McGlinchey, of the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, Manomet, Massachusetts, in the amount of \$12,000. Therefore, Counsel to the Public’s Motion to retain Lloyd-Evans and McGlinchey is granted and the Applicant is ordered to bear the costs of those experts up to the amount of \$12,000.

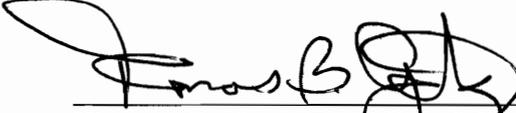
The Applicant did not object to the retention of Gregory C. Tocci of Cavanaugh Tocci Associates, Sudbury, Massachusetts, but did object to the proposed scope of work because the Applicant believed it unnecessary and/or duplicative of the Applicant’s studies, and to the proposed fee amount of \$29,500. Subsequent to the objection, however, the parties stipulated to the following:

1. Mr. Tocci’s retention would be authorized and the Applicant will be ordered to bear his fees and costs up to the amount of \$29,500.
2. Notwithstanding the Applicant’s objection to additional sound monitoring as unnecessary and duplicative of the Applicant’s studies, Mr. Tocci will consult in good faith with the Applicant’s sound expert to modify the scope of work and determine appropriate monitoring locations for an additional round of background noise sampling to be conducted, such locations to be considered shall include Ms. Lewis’ campground, and any supplemental testimony is to be filed prior to October 22, 2010.

3. Counsel for the Public reserves the right to request further sampling in winter conditions, either by its consultant (paid by the Applicant) or as a condition to any certificate that may be issued, and the Applicant reserves its right to object to such.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

Ordered, that, subject to the above stipulations, Mr. Tocci's retention is approved and the Applicant is directed to pay his fees up to \$29,500.



Thomas B. Getz, Presiding Officer
Vice Chair, Site Evaluation Committee