

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**Docket No. 2012-01**

**Re: Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Site  
and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility Proposed to be  
Located in Antrim, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire**

**September 13, 2012**

**ORDER AND NOTICE  
OF RE-SCHEDULED FINAL PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE  
AND PUBLIC ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hold a pre-hearing conference and adjudicative proceedings in the above referenced docket as set forth in this Order and Notice:

**I. The Application.**

On January 31, 2012, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application). The Applicant petitions the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) in order to construct and operate a renewable energy facility in the Town of Antrim, Hillsborough County, consisting of not more than 10 wind turbines each having a nameplate capacity of not more than 3 megawatts (MW) for a total nameplate capacity of 30 MW (Facility). The Vice-Chair of the Committee accepted the Application as administratively complete on March 5, 2012, and a Subcommittee was appointed to review the Application as provided in RSA 162-H:6-a, III and RSA 162-H:4, V (Subcommittee).

**II. Nature and Location of the Facility and Ancillary Facilities.**

The Facility is proposed to be located on and adjacent to property at 354 Keene Road (N.H. Route 9) and includes approximately 1,850 acres of private lands leased to the Applicant. The lands occupy the area in Antrim from Route 9, southward to the east summit of Tuttle Hill, and to the north flank of Willard Mountain to the west. The Facility is proposed to be constructed primarily on a ridgeline that starts approximately 0.75 miles south of N.H. Route 9 and runs south southwest, for approximately 2.5 miles. The Facility is proposed to consist of 10 wind turbines with a maximum nameplate capacity of not more than 3 MW each. The Applicant has notified the Committee that it has selected and intends to construct 10 Acciona AW-116 3MW Turbines (AW-116-3000). Each turbine will consist of a tower, a nacelle, and a 3 blade rotor. The total turbine height from foundation to blade tip will be approximately 492 feet.

In addition, the Facility as proposed would consist of approximately 4 miles of new gravel surface roads within the project area, a joint electrical collector system consisting of both underground and overhead collection lines, an interconnection substation and an operations and maintenance building of approximately 3,000 square feet. As part of its Application, the Applicant has requested the Site Evaluation Committee to grant a subdivision of the land upon which the interconnection substation will be sited so that the property can be transferred to Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) who will own and operate the substation.

The Applicant proposes to interconnect to an existing PSNH 115 kV electric transmission line through the proposed interconnection substation which will be constructed adjacent to the PSNH L-163 115 kV electric transmission line. If the Facility is certificated, the Applicant expects completion of construction to occur on or before September 30, 2014.

### **III. Parties to the Adjudicative Proceedings.**

The public will be represented in these proceedings by duly appointed Counsel for the Public, Peter C.L. Roth, Senior Assistant Attorney General. The parties to the adjudicative proceedings are: the Applicant, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC; the Town of Antrim; the Antrim Planning Board; the Antrim Conservation Commission; the Stoddard Conservation Commission; the Harris Center for Conservation Education; the Industrial Wind Action Group; the Appalachian Mountain Club; a group of abutting land owners (Brenda and Mark Schaefer, Janice Dooley Longgood, and Clark Craig, Jr.); a group of intervenors resident in the north branch area of Antrim (Richard and Lorraine Block, Robert Cleland and Annie Law, Elsa Voelcker, James Hankard, Samuel and Michele Apkarian, and Clifton Burdette); Katharine Elizabeth Sullivan; Robert Edwards and Mary E. Allen; the Audubon Society of New Hampshire; and the Gregg Lake Association.

### **IV. Time, Date and Place: Final Pre-Hearing Conference.**

A final pre-hearing conference shall be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire. At the final pre-hearing conference, all parties shall have final exhibit lists and exhibits with sufficient copies for all of the parties and the Subcommittee. Argument on any outstanding motions or requests may be heard at the final pre-hearing conference. Michael J. Iacopino, counsel to the Committee, shall serve as presiding officer at the final pre-hearing conference.

### **V. Time, Date and Place: Commencement of Adjudicative Proceedings - Antrim Subdivision Regulation Review**

The adjudicative hearing shall commence on Friday, October 26, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire. On October 26, 2012, the hearing will be limited to a review of the Antrim Subdivision Regulations. On October 26, 2012, the parties will be permitted to address the Subcommittee and the Subcommittee may deliberate and determine which, if any, of the Antrim

Subdivision Regulations remain within the residual authority of the Antrim Planning Board. The hearing is open to the public but public comment will not be taken (*see below*).

#### **VI. Time Date and Place: Remainder of the Adjudicatory Proceedings**

The remainder of the adjudicative hearing shall commence on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire and shall continue each day thereafter at the call of the Chair until recessed or adjourned.

#### **VII. Public Comment.**

As part of the adjudicative hearings the Subcommittee shall reserve time on November 1, 2012, and November 2, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. to hear oral comments from the public pertaining to the Application and the proposed Facility. Written public comments may be filed with the Subcommittee until the closing of the proceedings. Written public comments should be mailed to Jane Murray, Secretary to the Committee, Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302 or e-mailed to: [jane.murray@des.nh.gov](mailto:jane.murray@des.nh.gov).

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby:**

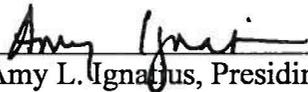
**ORDERED:** That the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hold a final pre-hearing conference at 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2012 at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire; and,

**FURTHER ORDERED:** That the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee shall commence adjudicative proceedings on October 26, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire; (*please note the location and starting time*) and,

**FURTHER ORDERED:** That the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee shall commence the remainder of the adjudicative proceeding on October 29, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire. Public comment will be heard on November 1, 2012, and November 2, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The adjudicative proceeding shall continue each day thereafter at the call of the chair unless recessed or adjourned; (*please note the location and starting time*) and,

**FURTHER ORDERED:** That a copy of this Order and Notice of Final Pre-Hearing Conference and Public Adjudicative Proceedings shall be served on each of the parties and the Applicant shall cause this Order and Notice to be published on or before October 5, 2012 in a newspaper of regular statewide jurisdiction and also in a newspaper of general circulation in Hillsborough County. The Applicant shall file an Affidavit attesting to said publication of notice with the Chairman of the Subcommittee on or before October 25, 2012.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee this thirteenth day of September, 2012.

  
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Amy L. Ignatius, Presiding Officer/Vice Chairman  
NH Site Evaluation Committee