

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
March 20, 2013**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct a **Public Meeting on March 29, 2013 at 9 o'clock a.m.** The meeting will be held at the offices of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

The business of the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) shall include the following docket and any other business that is lawfully before the Committee.

No. 2013-01

**PETITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, TO ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES
AND SITING CRITERIA FOR WIND POWERED FACILITIES**

Background

On March 8, 2013, the Committee received a petition from the House of Representatives, Science Technology and Energy Committee, Pursuant to RSA 541-A: 4 (Petition). The Petition requests that the Committee “adopt rules establishing comprehensive procedures and siting criteria for applications for certificates for wind-powered energy facilities.” The Petition also suggests that the Committee utilize the document entitled “Wind Energy Facility Siting Guidelines Working Group - Proposed Wind Power Siting Guidelines - May 29, 2007 Forwarded to the NH Energy Policy Committee Wind Siting Subcommittee” (Wind Guidelines) as a starting point for the requested rulemaking proceeding.

The Petition, the Wind Guidelines and all other correspondence pertaining to this matter may be reviewed during business hours at the Office of the Chairman of the Site Evaluation Committee located at:

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
Concord N.H. 03301

or at the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.

Authority and Process for Hearing

The Petition is filed pursuant to RSA 541-A: 4. The Committee’s authority to undertake these proceedings is set forth at RSA 541-A: 4 and RSA 162-H: 10, VI. At the Public Meeting

the Committee will hear public comment and determine whether to grant or to deny the Petition. If the Petition is denied, a written order will follow. If the Petition is granted the Committee will commence a rulemaking proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A: 3 and request a fiscal impact statement pursuant to RSA 541-A: 5.

Public Comment

At the Public Meeting the Committee will hear public comment on whether the Committee should commence a rulemaking proceeding as requested in the Petition. Written public comment on the Petition will be also accepted through the conclusion of the proceedings. Written public comments should be forwarded either by mail or e-mail to:

Jane Murray, Secretary
NH Site Evaluation Committee
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
Concord N.H. 03301

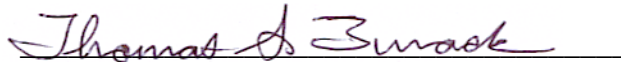
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ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire, will meet in public session for consideration of matters pending in the above referenced docket on **March 29, 2013 at 9 o'clock a.m. at the offices of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, N.H. 03301**; and,

It is hereby further ordered, that a copy of this notice shall be forwarded to the petitioners and shall be publicly posted at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Services and on the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this 20th day of March, 2013.



Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee