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

**Re: Motion of Granite State Gas Transmission Company for a Declaratory
Ruling on the Squamscott Replacement Project.
NHSEC No. _____**

Dear Chairman Burack:

As you know, my law firm, Brennan, Caron, Lenehan & Iacopino, and I have acted as outside counsel to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") over the course of the past 15 years. Our firm has represented the Committee in numerous matters including Applications for Certificates of Site and Facility for wind power facilities, gas powered facilities, transmission lines and pipelines. Most recently, I represented the Committee in its review of the Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility filed by Atlantic Wind LLC, seeking to construct a 75.9 MW wind energy facility. I currently represent the Committee in its enforcement proceedings regarding the Groton Wind facility. In addition, I have provided various services to the Committee that have not been associated with any particular Application, but have assisted the Committee in responding to public concerns. I have also represented the Committee when dealing with the miscellaneous energy facility siting issues that arise, including requests for exemptions from certification, requests for modifications of outstanding Certificates and requests for jurisdictional advice. I have also been intimately involved in the efforts of the Committee to promulgate administrative regulations.

It is my understanding that the Committee has received the Motion of Granite State Gas Transmission Company for a Declaratory Ruling on the Squamscott Replacement Project. The motion seeks a declaratory ruling pursuant to N.H. Admin. R. Site 203.01 that the project does not constitute a "sizable change or addition" to an existing energy facility within the meaning of RSA 162-H: 5, I. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that our office is available, ready, willing and able to represent the Committee with respect to the Motion for Declaratory Ruling if,

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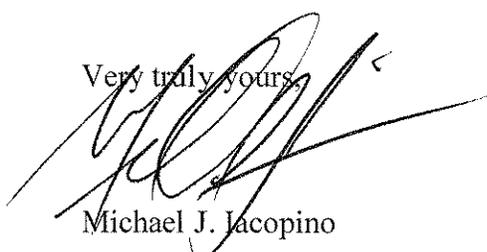
in fact, the Committee deems it necessary and appropriate to hire outside counsel for this purpose. I can confirm that my office has no conflicts of interest in representing the Committee in this matter.

Generally, the Applicant or party seeking the Committee's action has been responsible for the payment of attorney's fees. *See*, RSA 162-H:10, V. In the past, our bills have been presented to the Chairman of the Committee for approval and then forwarded to the Applicant for payment. To the best of my knowledge, that system has worked well and I do not believe there has ever been an issue raised by any Applicant regarding the amount of fees charged by my firm.

In representing the Committee in this matter, I would propose attorney's fees at the hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour and reimbursement for out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by counsel. To the extent that I employ the use of an associate in my office, the hourly rate for such an associate will be no more than \$200.00 per hour. In no case will my office charge more than \$200.00 per hour and our time will never be billed twice for two lawyers working on the matter at the same time, including attendance at meetings or hearings.

Should you require any further information about my firm, me or our qualifications, I would be happy to provide that in whatever format you require. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent the Committee and ask that you approve our representation under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Jacopino

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cc: Patrick Queenan, Esq.
Maureen D. Smith, Esq.