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**Notice of Request for Advance Public Comment on
Subject Matter of Future Rulemaking Initiative**

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Pursuant to recent legislative amendments to N.H. RSA Chapter 162-H, the composition, organization, administration, funding and operation of the Site Evaluation Committee are undergoing substantial changes, and the Committee is required to adopt specific rules regarding the siting of energy facilities, including criteria particular to the siting of wind energy facilities, by July 1, 2015. *See* Senate Bill 245 and House Bill 1602 of 2014; *see also* Senate Bill 99 of 2013.

The Committee intends to begin the formal rulemaking process later this year to address all of the rulemaking provisions in these recent statutory amendments. In advance of this formal process, the Committee requests public comment on any and all subject matters of the rulemaking, including, but not limited to, specific criteria for the siting of wind energy projects, high voltage transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, and other energy facilities.

In particular, the Committee seeks input in the form of proposed specific rules language, from a diverse group of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, project developers, environmental advocates, regional organizations, municipal governments, citizens groups, and any other interested citizens or individuals. This input is expected to be helpful to the Committee in developing an initial proposal for re-adoption of its rules, including the amendments required by the recent legislation.

Submissions by electronic mail are strongly preferred. Please submit comments to the following contact person:

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