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**Re: Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility,  
N.H Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-02**

Dear Agency Officials:

On October 2, 2015, Antrim Wind Energy filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the siting, construction and operation of a 28.8 MW wind project. The Project, as proposed, will consist of 9 turbines each with a nameplate generating capacity of 3.2 MW. The Project will be located entirely in the northwest portion of the Town Of Antrim. A hard copy and an electronic copy of the Application were provided by the Site Evaluation Committee. If your agency requires another copy, then please contact me directly. An electronic copy of the Application will also be available on the SEC website, [www.nhsec.nh.gov](http://www.nhsec.nh.gov).

Please note that, pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H:7-a, I, state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority may participate in Committee proceedings by (i) receiving proposals or permit requests; (ii) determining completeness of elements required for agency's permitting or other programs and reporting on such issues to the Committee; (iii) reviewing proposals or permit requests and submitting recommended draft permit terms and conditions to the Committee; (iv) identifying issues of concern on the proposal or permit request or notifying the Committee that the application raises no issues of concern; and (v) designating one or more witnesses to appear before the committee at a hearing to provide input and answer questions of parties and Committee members. See R.S.A. 162-H:7-a, I. Under R.S.A. 162-H:7-a, VI, a state agency may also intervene as a party in any committee proceeding in the same manner as other persons under RSA 541-A. See R.S.A. 162-H:7-a, VI.

Pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H:7, IV, I would ask that your agency, as an agency with a permitting or other regulatory authority over the Project, conduct a preliminary review of the Application and respond in writing to me **prior to November 6, 2015** as to whether or not the Application contains sufficient information for your agency to review the Application and consider the issuance of permits, conditions or licenses, if any, under the jurisdiction of your agency pursuant to either state or federal law. If the Application does not contain sufficient information for this purpose, I would respectfully request that you advise me, in writing, as to what additional information is necessary.

For your convenience I have attached pages 17-18 from the Application. On these pages the Applicant lists the agencies with permitting and other regulatory authority and identifies permits and licenses that it asserts are required for the proposed Project. If your agency is listed thereon please let me know if the permit application filed with your agency is not administratively complete and what information is missing. If you believe that the Application requires a permit from your agency that is not included on the list, please contact me as soon as possible.

If the Site Evaluation Committee determines that the Application contains sufficient information to carry out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H, this matter will be scheduled for public information sessions in Hillsborough County within 45 days after the acceptance of the Application. If the Chairman of the Site Evaluation Committee determines that the Application contains sufficient information to carry out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H, this matter will also be scheduled for a public hearing in Hillsborough County within 90 days after the acceptance of the Application. Please note that the public hearings

scheduled pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H:10, I-c are joint hearings, with representatives of the agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter, and are deemed to satisfy all initial requirements for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to environmental impact. See RSA 162-H:10, I-c.

I look forward to your response. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [Pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov](mailto:Pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov) or 271-2435.

Sincerely,



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NH Site Evaluation Committee

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## **D. OTHER REQUIRED APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS**

### **D.1. Identification of all other federal and state government agencies having jurisdiction, under state or federal law, to regulate any aspect of the construction or operation of the proposed facility**

- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, Wetlands Bureau (authority under state and federal law over wetlands impacts)
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, Alteration of Terrain (AoT) Program (authority under state and federal law over alteration of terrain and pollutant discharge)
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, Water Management Bureau (authority under federal law related to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) individual wetlands permit – water quality certification)
- New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) (authority under state law over highway safety/transportation of oversized loads and driveway permits)
- New Hampshire Department of Safety (NHDOS) (blasting permit)
- New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources (NHDHR) (authority under federal and state law to consult with USACE regarding historic properties potentially affected by the Project)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (authority under federal law to assess wetlands and other environmental impacts)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (regulation of turbine lighting in connection with determination of "no hazard" to air navigation)
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, Subsurface Systems Bureau Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Application
- New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshall (authority to enforce applicable fire codes)

### **D.2. Documentation that demonstrates compliance with the application requirements of such agencies;**

Information satisfying the application requirements of the agencies listed above in D.1 has been included within the agency application forms. Copies of these forms are included in the Appendices to this Application, as referenced in Section D.3, below. An application for a "Special Permit to Move a Load in Excess of Legal Limit" will be submitted to the NHDOT by the trucking contractor(s) who will be responsible for transporting turbine equipment and other oversized loads. The trucking contractor

chosen for delivering turbine components to the site will be part of Siemens' scope under the final terms of a turbine supply agreement. The trucking contractor chosen for delivering heavy construction equipment will be part of Reed & Reed's scope under the final terms of a final construction contract. The application for a blasting permit will be filed by Reed & Reed's blasting contractor once the final blasting plan is completed prior to construction. AWE will comply with all rules and permit requirements relative to blasting that may be necessary in the construction and decommissioning of the Project.

**D.3. A copy of the completed application form for each such agency**

Copies of completed application forms, as required, are provided in Appendix 2 of this Application. Specific permit applications and their locations are included as follows:

- **Appendix 2A:** Joint USACE/NH DES Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application
- **Appendix 2B:** NH DES Alteration of Terrain Application
- **Appendix 2C:** NH DES Section 401 Water Quality Certification Request
- **Appendix 2D-1:** NH DOT Application for Driveway Permit – Main Entrance
- **Appendix 2D-2:** NH DOT Application for Driveway Permit – Temp laydown
- **Appendix 2E:** FAA Determination of No Hazard
- **Appendix 2F:** NH DES ISDS Application

**D.4. Identification of any requests for waivers from the information requirements of any state agency or department whether represented on the committee or not.**

AWE is requesting a waiver of Rule Env-Wq 1504.08(b)(2)(b) High Intensity Soil Mapping and/or Site Specific Soil Mapping of the Alteration of Terrain Permit Application. The waiver request is located in Appendix 3 of this Application.