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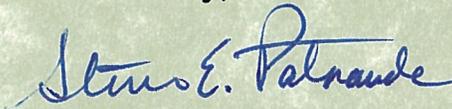
**RE: Replacement Transcript - SEC 2015-02 Antrim Wind (11-18-15)**

Ms. Monroe:

It has come to my attention that the Transcript of the meeting of the SEC Subcommittee in **SEC 2015-02** held on **November 18, 2015** had an incorrect Caption on the first page (cover page) of the transcript. Therefore, after consultation with you, I am submitting this *replacement transcript* of the November 18, 2015 meeting with the appropriate caption. Please note that there are no other changes, substantive or otherwise, to this replacement transcript other than the caption.

I apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steven E. Patnaude, LCR

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**November 18, 2015** - 1:01 p.m.  
Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire

**IN RE: SEC DOCKET NO. 2015-02**  
**ANTRIM WIND ENERGY, LLC:**  
**Application of Antrim Wind**  
**Energy, LLC for a Certificate**  
**of Site and Facility.**  
*(Meeting of Subcommittee members*  
*to determine whether the*  
*Application as filed contains*  
*sufficient information to carry*  
*out the purposes of RSA 162-H.)*

<b>PRESENT FOR SUBCOMMITTEE:</b>	<b>SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE:</b>
Cmsr. Robert R. Scott <i>(Presiding as Presiding Officer)</i>	Public Utilities Commission
Cmsr. Jeffrey Rose	Dept. of Resources & Economic Development
Dr. Richard Boisvert, Designee	Dept. of Cultural Resources/ Div. of Historical Resources
Michael Ladam, Designee	Public Utilities Commission
Patricia Weathersby	Public Member

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**ALSO PRESENT FOR THE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE:**

***Counsel to the Committee:*** Michael J. Iacopino, Esq.  
(Brennan, Caron, Lenehan & Iacopino)

***SEC Administrator:*** Pamela G. Monroe

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**MOTION BY MS. WEATHERSBY** to accept the 8  
Application as complete and authorize counsel  
to prepare a written order finding the  
application to be complete

**SECOND BY MR. LADAM** 9

**VOTE ON THE MOTION** 9

**P R O C E E D I N G**

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2 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Good morning,  
3 everybody. Just for the audience, my guess is a lot of  
4 people are here actually for the rulemaking meeting, and  
5 that will happen after this meeting, which is on the  
6 Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC. Good afternoon.  
7 My name is Robert Scott. I'm a Public Utilities  
8 Commissioner here for New Hampshire. I have been  
9 designated as the Presiding Officer of this Subcommittee.  
10 This Subcommittee sits on Docket Number 2015-02, the  
11 Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, for a Certificate  
12 of Site and Facility to site and construct and operate an  
13 electrical generation facility consisting of nine direct  
14 drive wind turbines and associated civil and electrical  
15 infrastructure. The entire project will be located in the  
16 northwestern portion of the Town of Antrim.

17 At this point, I'd like to allow the  
18 members of the Subcommittee to introduce themselves. I  
19 will note for the record that Eugene Forbes, the DES  
20 designee, and Roger Hawk, our public member for the  
21 Committee, were not able to attend, but they are on the  
22 Subcommittee.

23 Commissioner Rose.

24 COMMISSIONER ROSE: Good afternoon.

1 Jeff Rose, Commissioner of the Department of Resources and  
2 Economic Development.

3 DR. BOISVERT: Richard Boisvert, Deputy  
4 State Historic Preservation Office, Division of Historical  
5 Resources.

6 MR. LADAM: Michael Ladam, Director of  
7 Regulatory Innovation and Strategy at the Public Utilities  
8 Commission.

9 MS. WEATHERSBY: Patricia Weathersby,  
10 public member.

11 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you. Seeing  
12 we have a quorum, we will proceed.

13 In Docket Number 2014-05, the Site  
14 Evaluation Committee issued an order asserting  
15 jurisdiction over the project as proposed by Antrim Wind  
16 Energy, LLC. In that order, Antrim wind was required to  
17 file a complete application on or before January 24th,  
18 2016. Antrim Wind, LLC filed the Application in this  
19 docket on October 2nd, 2015. And, on October 20th, 2015,  
20 pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, the Chairman of the Committee  
21 appointed this Subcommittee.

22 The purpose of our meeting here today is  
23 to determine whether the Application as filed contains  
24 sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA

1 162-H.

2           Copies of the Application were forwarded  
3 to state agencies with permitting and regulatory  
4 authority. To date, we have received responses from the  
5 Department of Transportation, the Division of Historical  
6 Resources, the Natural Heritage Bureau of the Department  
7 of Resources and Economic Development, and the Department  
8 of Environmental Services, the Water Division in  
9 particular. And, of late, we recently received a letter  
10 also from the Fire Marshal's also. Thank you.

11           At this point, it appears that each  
12 state agency has conducted a preliminary review and has  
13 advised the Subcommittee that the Application is complete  
14 from the perspective of the agency.

15           In addition to the responses from  
16 various state agencies, the Subcommittee is obliged to  
17 perform its own review of the Application to "ascertain if  
18 the application contains sufficient information to carry  
19 out the purposes of 162-H."

20           The authority for our proceeding today  
21 is RSA 162-H:4 and 162-H:7. As mentioned, we've received  
22 preliminary reviews through correspondence from, again,  
23 the Division of Historical Resources, the Department of  
24 Environmental Services, the Department of Transportation,

1 the Fire Marshal's Office, and the Department of Resources  
2 and Economic Development.

3 I'd also like to note that the Counsel  
4 for the Committee, Attorney Iacopino, to my right, has  
5 provided the Subcommittee with a 108 element checklist  
6 that goes over both what's required to be contained within  
7 the application by statute and what's required under the  
8 current administrative rules. I'd like to give Attorney  
9 Iacopino, as counsel for the Committee, an opportunity to  
10 comment on that checklist in this case.

11 MR. IACOPINO: Most of you, well,  
12 actually, maybe not, some of you have seen before the  
13 checklist that we use. It is a compilation of the  
14 requirements that are contained in RSA 162-H and in our  
15 current administrative rules, and is something that I use  
16 in order to go through the Subcommittee -- to go through  
17 the application to determine if all of the components that  
18 are required for an application are present. And, I've  
19 provided that, that checklist to you. It appears, from my  
20 review of the Application at least, that all of those  
21 components are present. We also -- I also look at, and  
22 I'm sure you all look at, the Application on a substantive  
23 basis, to make sure that, you know, if something is said  
24 to be in there or, if it's in the Application, it's not

1 written in Latin or something like that. And, based upon  
2 that review, I've provided a checklist for you all to make  
3 your own independent determination as to whether or not  
4 this Application contains sufficient information to carry  
5 out the purposes of your enabling statute.

6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you, Attorney  
7 Iacopino.

8 I'll now open the floor to Committee  
9 discussion of whether the Application contains sufficient  
10 information for us to carry out the purposes of 162-H.  
11 Are there any comments from the members of the Committee?

12 *[No verbal response]*

13 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Hearing none, I  
14 would entertain a motion. Would anybody like to make a  
15 motion?

16 MS. WEATHERSBY: Mr. Chairman, I've  
17 reviewed the Application, including its attachments, and  
18 I've reviewed the correspondence from the various state  
19 agencies, including the Division of Historical Resources,  
20 Department of Environmental Services, Department of  
21 Transportation, the Natural Heritage Bureau of the  
22 Department of Resources and Economic Development, and the  
23 letter from the Fire Marshal. All of these agencies  
24 reported that the Application appears now to be complete

1 for their review. Based upon my own independent review, I  
2 believe the Application comports with all of the  
3 requirements contained in RSA 162-H for an application  
4 such as this, and also complies with our current  
5 administrative rules.

6 Therefore, I move that we accept the  
7 Application as complete and authorize counsel to prepare a  
8 written order finding the Application to be complete.

9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Do I have a second?

10 MR. LADAM: I so second.

11 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you. Any  
12 discussion?

13 *[No verbal response]*

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay. We'll move  
15 forward with a vote. All in favor, please say "aye"?

16 *[Multiple members indicating "aye".]*

17 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Any opposed?

18 *[No verbal response]*

19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay. Then, the  
20 Application is accepted as complete. Thank you for the  
21 Committee.

22 Moving forward, I believe there will  
23 be -- a procedural schedule will be developed, and that  
24 will include, for those who have done this before, public

1 hearings in the community, as well as a site visit, as we  
2 move forward.

3 Any questions from the Committee?

4 *[No verbal response]*

5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Hearing none, this  
6 concludes this meeting of the Site Evaluation Committee on  
7 Docket Number 2015-02. Thank you.

8 ***(Whereupon this meeting of the***  
9 ***Subcommittee in SEC Docket 2015-02 was***  
10 ***adjourned at 1:08 p.m.)***