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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Granite Ridge Energy, LLC
Londonderry, NH

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Pierce Atwood LLP represents Granite Ridge Energy, LLC ("Granite Ridge") and Calpine Granite Holdings, LLC ("Calpine Granite"). You may recall that Granite Ridge owns and operates the 720-megawatt (MW) combined cycle natural gas-fired merchant power plant located in Londonderry, NH. Also, Granite Ridge holds the Certificate of Site and Facility originally granted in May 1999 (SEC Docket No. 98-02) ("Certificate"). On February 3, 2016, the Site Evaluation Committee approved the sale of all of the membership interests in Granite Ridge held by Granite Ridge Holdings, LLC to Calpine Granite. (SEC Docket No. 2015-07). Calpine Granite continues to own 100% of the membership interests in Granite Ridge. Both companies are wholly owned subsidiaries of Calpine Corporation.

We are writing to advise the Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") of the planned sale of Calpine Corporation to Energy Capital Partners ("Energy Capital" or "ECP") and a consortium of investors led by Access Industries and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board. While we believe that the sale of Calpine Corporation does not result in the transfer or assignment of the Certificate or a change in ownership that requires the approval of the Committee, we wanted to notify the Committee of the planned sale of Calpine Corporation and provide some relevant background.

Sale of Calpine Corporation

Calpine Corporation, a publicly traded company (NYSE:CPN), is America's largest generator of electricity from natural gas and geothermal resources. Energy Capital, along with a consortium of investors, has agreed to purchase all of Calpine's shares for \$5.6 billion. The proposed transaction is subject to approval by Calpine shareholders representing a majority of outstanding shares of Calpine common stock. Subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations and receipt of all required approvals, the parties expect the transaction to close in the first quarter of 2018.

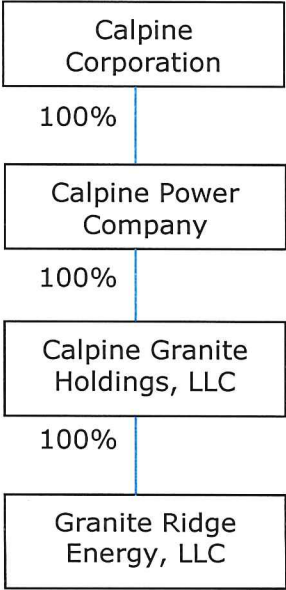
Both Calpine and ECP agree that Calpine will continue to operate in substantially the same manner as it does today. The transaction is further described in the parties' August 18, 2017, joint News Release:

“We are excited to partner with Energy Capital, a leading private equity investment firm focused on North American Energy infrastructure and power assets,” said Thad Hill, President and Chief Executive Officer of Calpine. “With ECP, Calpine will be able to operate as it always has – executing on our strategic objectives of providing safe and reliable power and serving our retail and wholesale customers with differentiated products and services. We will also continue to strengthen our wholesale power generation footprint, while benefiting from ECP’s support, industry expertise and long-term investment horizon. In short, Calpine will continue to be the nation’s premier competitive power company.”

Tyler Reed, a partner at Energy Capital Partners, stated: “We look forward to joining forces with Calpine’s talented team as they continue executing their strategy. We see significant value in Calpine’s operational excellence and strong and stable cash flows and have been impressed by the Company’s exceptional leadership and talented employees. We do not expect to make any changes to the way Calpine operates its business and intend to remain focused on providing the high level of service to which Calpine’s wholesale and retail customers have become accustomed. Finally, we do not intend to make any changes to the Company’s financial policy or previously announced \$2.7 billion deleveraging plan.”

Granite Ridge and Calpine Granite

As shown below, Granite Ridge is 100% owned by Calpine Granite. Calpine Granite, in turn, is 100% owned by Calpine Power Company and Calpine Power Company is 100% owned by Calpine Corporation.



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This is the ownership structure that was presented to the Committee and later established after the Committee approved the transfer of 100% of the membership interests in Granite Energy to Calpine Granite. *Decision and Order Approving the Transfer of Ownership Interests in Granite Ridge Energy, LLC*, February 3, 2016 (SEC Docket No. 2015-07) ("Decision and Order").

Pursuant to the Decision and Order, "...any change in ownership of Calpine Granite Holdings LLC or Granite Ridge Energy LLC without approval of this Committee shall render the Certificate subject to revocation. The Certificate itself shall not be transferred or assigned to any other person or entity without approval of the Committee..."

The sale of Calpine Corporation to Energy Capital will not result in a change in ownership of Calpine Granite Holdings LLC or Granite Ridge Energy LLC nor will the Certificate itself be transferred or assigned. After the close of the transaction, Granite Energy will continue to hold the Certificate.

We are happy to answer any questions you or the Committee may have concerning the matters described herein. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Beliveau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "B".

Mark E. Beliveau

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