STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2015-07

Joint Petition of Granite Ridge Energy, LLC and Calpine Granite Holdings, LLC for Approval to Transfer Membership Interests

ORDER APPOINTING SUBCOMMITTEE

On October 28, 2015, Granite Ridge Energy, LLC (Granite Ridge), and Calpine Granite Holdings, LLC (Calpine Granite), filed a Joint Petition with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) seeking approval to transfer membership interests in Granite Ridge to Calpine Granite. The Joint Petition requested the immediate appointment of a three-member subcommittee under RSA 162-H and an expedited review and approval of the proposed transfer of ownership interests in Granite Ridge to Calpine. Granite Ridge owns and operates a 720-megawatt combined cycle natural gas-fired power plant in Londonderry, New Hampshire (Facility), and holds the original Certificate of Site and Facility that was granted in May 1999 to AES Londonderrry, LLC (SEC Docket No. 98-02). In 2004, the Committee approved transfer of the Facility ownership to lenders through voluntary foreclosure and appointment of a special purpose holding company, which was an entity of convenience to own and operate the Facility through a contractor while a purchaser for the Facility was sought (SEC Docket No. 2004-01). The Facility company name was subsequently changed to Granite Ridge and a new holding company, Granite Ridge Holdings, LLC, was formed to hold the membership interests in Granite Ridge.

RSA 162-H:5, I, provides that a Certificate of Site and Facility shall not be transferred or assigned without approval of the Committee.

RSA 162-H:4-a, III, provides that the Chairperson of the Committee may establish a subcommittee of three members for matters that do not involve the issuance of a certificate or a petition for jurisdiction. The subcommittee assumes the role of and is considered the committee, with all of its associated powers and duties in order to execute the charge given it by the chairperson.

In order to assure the prompt and efficient consideration of the Petition, I hereby appoint the following Subcommittee:

- 1. Thomas Burack, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services, Presiding Officer.
- 2. Elizabeth Muzzey, Director, Division of Historical Resources; and
- 3. Patricia Weathersby, Public Member.

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, III, each state agency member may designate a senior administrative employee or staff attorney from his or her respective agency to sit in his or her place on the subcommittee. It is requested that the state agency members of the Subcommittee intending to designate a staff member do so, in writing to the attention of Pamela Monroe, Site Evaluation Committee Administrator, prior to November 25, 2015.

Any party whose interests may be affected may object to the matter being assigned to a 3-person subcommittee no less than 14 days before the first hearing.

The Subcommittee is charged with resolving all issues that may arise in this docket and determining whether to grant or deny the petition as filed.

So Ordered this thirteenth day of November 2015.

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Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman Site Evaluation Committee