

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-07

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

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Background

On October 28, 2015, Granite Ridge Energy, LLC (Granite Ridge), and Calpine Granite Holdings, LLC (Calpine), filed a Joint Petition with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) seeking approval to transfer membership interests in Granite Ridge to Calpine. The Joint Petition requested the 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. On November 13, 2015, an order was issued appointing a subcommittee.

Granite Ridge owns and operates a 720-megawatt combined cycle natural gas-fired power plant in Londonderry, New Hampshire (Facility), and currently holds the Certificate of Site and Facility that was granted in May 1999 to AES Londonderry, 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. The Joint Petition requests the Committee to approve the transfer of the membership interest to Calpine.

The Joint Petition and any related filings may be examined on the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov or during business hours at:

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord N.H. 03301

Authority for Hearing

The Committee's authority to approve or deny the proposed transfer of membership interests is set forth at RSA 162-H:4 and RSA 162-H:5, I.

Intervention and Public Comment

A person demonstrating that his or her rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding may file a motion to intervene. Any person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file a motion to intervene on or before **December 21, 2015**. Motions to intervene shall comply with the requirements of RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Site 202.11. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed by **December 31, 2015**.

Written public comment on the joint petition will be accepted through the conclusion of the proceedings. Motions, objections and written comments may be sent via first-class mail or e-mail to:

Pamela Monroe, Administrator
NH Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord N.H. 03301
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Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on **December 22, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.** at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, N.H. 03301. A prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss the issues including, but not limited to: the conduct of discovery and technical sessions; offers of settlement or agreement on any issue; methods to simplify the issues in dispute; stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof by consent of the parties; changes to standard procedures by consent of the parties; limitations on the number of witnesses or scope of discovery; consolidation of witnesses; the filing of the testimony of witnesses; and any other matter that may aid in the disposition of the proceeding. The Petitioners, Counsel for the Public, intervenors and all other parties shall attend the prehearing conference. To the extent that motions to intervene have not been ruled on, the parties seeking intervention shall attend the prehearing conference.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted on **January 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** and on **January 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., if needed**, at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, N.H. 03301. The public hearing shall be conducted as an adjudicative proceeding and may include deliberation on the merits of the Joint Petition.

Publication

Granite Ridge and/or Calpine Granite shall cause a copy of this Order and Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference and Public Hearing to be published no later than **December 11, 2015** in the New Hampshire Union Leader, a newspaper of regular statewide circulation, and, as soon as publication schedules permit, in one or more additional newspapers having a regular circulation in Rockingham County. Granite Ridge and/or Calpine Granite shall file an affidavit documenting such publication with the Subcommittee on or before **December 15, 2015**. Granite Ridge and/or Calpine Granite shall bear the cost of said publication.

SO ORDERED this ninth day of December, 2015:



Patricia Weathersby, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee