

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2021-05

**APPLICATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSMISSION, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY**

Order Appointing Subcommittee

April 12, 2022

On April 1, 2022, in relation to a proposed capacitor bank and circuit breaker project (Project) in Seabrook, NH, New Hampshire Transmission, LLC (Applicant) requested an exemption in the first instance, or, in the alternative, either a declaratory ruling that the Project is not a sizeable addition or the expedited review of its application for a certificate of site and facility.

The Applicant requested that a three-member subcommittee be appointed to hear its request pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, III and N.H. Admin. R. Site 103.03(d), and submitted a check for \$3600 as the filing fee for a three-member subcommittee to hear its request. The Applicant stated that if the Committee did not grant the exemption or determined that the project is a sizeable addition that requires a full review, that it would submit a new application fee.

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) Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

- 2) Pradip K. Chattopadhyay, Commissioner, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
- 3) Robert A. Baines, Public Member¹

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-b, if at any time the public member of the Subcommittee must recuse himself for good cause, or is not otherwise available for good reason, I will replace the public member using the random draw procedure.

State agency members of the Subcommittee intending to designate pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, III must do so in writing. Please submit designations by April 19, 2022. I will appoint the presiding officer after any designees have been identified.

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. RSA 162-H:4-a, III.

All public filings related to this Subcommittee shall be made available on the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.

Please note that pursuant to N.H. R. Admin. Site 301.11, the Committee must make the determination on the Applicant's petition for exemption within 60 days of the acceptance of the petition, after conducting an adjudicative proceeding that includes a public hearing held in a county where the energy facility is proposed to be located. Pursuant to Site 102.02 "[a]cceptance" means "acceptance" as defined in RSA 162-H:2, I, namely, "a determination by the committee that it finds that an application is complete and ready for consideration."

So ordered, this twelfth day of April, 2022.



Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman

¹ Mr. Baines was selected from among available public committee members and public "pool" members by random draw pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-b, V.