

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2008-04

**Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC, for a Certificate of Site and Facility
for the Granite Reliable Power Windpark in Coos County, N.H.**

**ORDER ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND
FACILITY AND DESIGNATING A SUBCOMMITTEE
PURSUANT TO RSA 162-H: 6-a**

Background

On or about July 15, 2008, Granite Reliable Power, LLC (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Granite Reliable Windpark (Application). The Applicant petitions the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) in order to construct and operate a Renewable Energy Facility in Coos County. The Renewable Energy Facility and its associated facilities are proposed to be located in the Town of Dummer and the unincorporated places of Dixville, Ervings Location, Odell and Millsfield, all of which are in Coos County. The Application proposes the construction and operation of thirty-three (33) wind turbines, each having a nameplate capacity of three (3) MW for a total nameplate capacity of ninety-nine (99) MW. The Application also proposes the construction of approximately twelve (12) miles of new access roads and to upgrade approximately nineteen miles of existing logging roads. The Application also proposes the construction and operation of a new 34.5kV electric transmission line for the collection of electricity from the turbines and delivery to a proposed substation to be located approximately one and one half miles south of the wind turbines in the Town of Dummer. The Application proposes the construction and operation of a new 115kV electric transmission line that would run from the substation for approximately 5.8 miles along the existing Dummer Road in the Town of Dummer and connect to the existing 115kV electric transmission line owned and operated by Public Service Company of New Hampshire. In addition, the Application proposes the construction of a maintenance building and a lay down yard near the substation in the Town of Dummer.

Upon filing, as required by R.S.A. 162-H: 6-a, I, and NEW HAMPSHIRE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Site 301.01, copies of the Application were provided to each state agency having jurisdiction under state or federal law to regulate the construction or operation of the proposed facilities. On July 29, 2008, counsel for the Committee advised those state agencies, by letter, of the filing of the Application and requested that agencies with jurisdiction over portions of the Application advise the Committee as to whether or not the Application contained sufficient information for the purposes of the exercise of that agency's jurisdiction. Additionally, similar letters were forwarded

to the Selectmen and Town Clerk for the Town of Dummer, the clerks for the unincorporated places of Dixville, Odell and Millsfield as well as to the North Country Council, the regional planning commission for communities in Coos County. The Committee has not received information from any state agency suggesting that the Application does not contain sufficient information to carry out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department responded on August 6, 2008, indicating that the Application is complete for the purposes of going forward but commenting that further information regarding wildlife impact mitigation measures would need to be addressed during the course of the proceedings. The Department of Resources and Economic Development responded on August 14, 2008, indicating that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H but noting that some areas of the Application contained poor documentation. The Water Division of the Department the Environmental Services responded on August 14, 2008, indicating that the parts of the Application pertaining to the Alteration of Terrain Permit and the Wetlands Permit are administratively complete.

Sufficiency and Acceptance of Application

Based upon my preliminary review of the Application, as required by R.S.A. 162-H:6-a, II, I find that it contains sufficient information to carry out the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H pertaining to Renewable Energy Facilities. The Application is hereby accepted and deemed to seek the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility as defined in R.S.A. 162-H: 2, XII. To the extent that this facility may also qualify as an Energy Facility under R.S.A. 162-H:2, VII, I find that the Application contains sufficient information and pursuant to N.H. CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Site 302.04, I hereby waive any additional Application requirements that may exist.

Designation of Subcommittee

Pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H: 4, V, I hereby designate the following members of the Committee to serve on the Subcommittee that shall consider and either approve or reject this Application:

Thomas Getz, Site Evaluation Committee Vice-Chairman (to serve as Sub-Committee Chair)

Donald Kent, N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development
(Appointed as designee, pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H: 4, V(b), by Commissioner George Bald)

Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, N.H. Fish and Game Department

Michael Harrington, Staff Engineer, N.H. Public Utilities Commission
(Designated by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H: 3)

Robert Scott, Director, Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services

Amy Ignatius, Director, N.H. Office of Energy and Planning

William Janelle, Assistant Director for Project Development, N.H. Department of Transportation (Designated by Commissioner George Campbell)

Based upon the foregoing it is hereby:

ORDERED: That the Application is found to contain sufficient information for the purposes of R.S.A. 162-H; and,

FURTHER ORDERED: That the aforementioned designees shall serve as the Sub-Committee that shall consider and either approve or reject the Application.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of August, 2008.

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee



Thomas S. Burack, Chairman