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Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee
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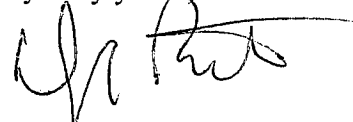
***Re: Docket 2008-04 Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC
for Certificate of Site and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility in
Coos County***

Dear Chairman Burack:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee in the above-captioned matter please find an original and 9 copies of the APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO MOTION OF COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO RSA 162-H:10, II FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER DIRECTING THAT FURTHER HEARINGS ON THIS MATTER BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY IN COOS COUNTY on behalf of Noble Environmental Power, LLC and Granite Reliable Power, LLC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on the enclosed. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Douglas L. Patch

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2008-04

**RE: APPLICATION OF GRANITE RELIABLE POWER, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY
TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE
THE GRANITE RELIABLE POWER WINDPARK**

**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO MOTION OF COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC
PURSUANT TO RSA 162-H:10, II FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER DIRECTING
THAT FURTHER HEARINGS ON THIS MATTER BE CONDUCTED
EXCLUSIVELY IN COOS COUNTY**

NOW COMES Granite Reliable Power, LLC ("GRP" or "the Applicant") by and through its undersigned attorneys and responds to the "Motion of Counsel for the Public Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10,II for Entry of an Order Directing that Further Hearings on this Matter be Conducted Exclusively in Coos County" ("Public Counsel's Motion") dated October 13, 2008 submitted by Peter C.L. Roth, Senior Assistant Attorney General in the above-captioned matter by stating as follows:

1. Public Counsel's Motion requests that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("the Committee") enter an order directing that further hearings and proceedings in this matter be conducted in Coos County.
2. RSA 162-H:10, II provides that adjudicative proceedings may be held in the county in which the proposed facility is to be located or in Concord, New Hampshire, as determined by the Committee. Thus, while there is no requirement that the adjudicative proceedings in this matter be held in Coos County, the Committee has discretion to order the relief requested in Public Counsel's Motion.

3. The Applicant recognizes the importance of providing citizens in Coos County with convenient access to the adjudicative hearings in this matter. Accordingly, the Applicant does not object to having at least one day of the adjudicative hearings (now scheduled for March, 2009) in Coos County and therefore agrees with the Public Counsel's Motion to this extent. However, the Applicant is concerned that holding several days of hearings in Coos County could present logistical problems for members of the Committee, witnesses that will be called to testify at the hearings, the stenographer, Committee staff members and other interested parties whose principal places of business are in Concord or outside of Coos County. In addition, the Applicant notes that having multiple days of hearings in Coos County would create additional expenses to the Applicant, as all of the Committee's expenses are billed to the Applicant under RSA 162-H:10. Thus, to the extent that adjudicative hearings are held in Concord, as has been the long-standing practice of the Committee, the Applicant would not have to bear the additional lodging, travel and other expenses associated with overnight stays by several people in Coos County. In view of the foregoing, and in the spirit of compromise, the Applicant respectfully recommends that at least one of the days of adjudicative hearings be held in Coos County.

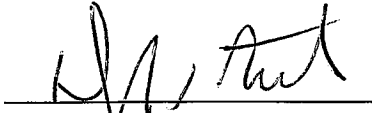
Wherefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Presiding Officer:

- A. Partially grant Public Counsel's Motion by ordering that at least one day of hearings be held in Coos County; and
- B. Grant such other relief as may be just and equitable.

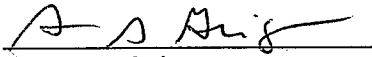
Respectfully submitted,

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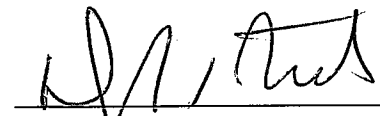
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Dated: October 23, 2008

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I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the within Response to be sent by electronic mail or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the persons on the attached list.

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