

**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 Windpark, a Renewable Energy Facility Consisting of Thirty Three (33) Wind Turbines and Associated Facilities in Coos County

Order and Notice of Closing Arguments and Additional Public Hearing

March 6, 2009

The Application

On 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 Application seeks a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) for the construction and operation of a renewable energy facility in Coos County, New Hampshire. The renewable energy facility is proposed to be located in the Town of Dummer and in the unincorporated places known Dixville, Erving's Location, Millsfield and Odell. The Application seeks authority for 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 19 miles of existing logging roads. The Applicant 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 located approximately one and one half miles south of the wind turbines in the Town of Dummer. The Application also proposes the construction and operation of a new 115 kV electric transmission line that will run from the proposed 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 sub-station in the Town of Dummer.

Location of the Proposed Facilities

The renewable energy facilities and associated facilities are proposed to be located on private property located in Coos County, New Hampshire. The proposed facilities for the most part are located on two private tracts of land identified as the Phillips Brook Tract and the Bayroot Parcel. The wind turbines will be installed in groups or "strings" located along Dixville Peak in Dixville, Mt. Kelsey and Owlhead Mountain in Millsfield and along an unnamed ridgeline sometimes locally referred to as Fishbrook located south and east of Owlhead Mountain in Millsfield. The Application also proposes to

construct twelve miles of new roads connecting turbines within the strings and connecting the strings to existing access roads. Nineteen miles of existing access roads located in Dixville, Erving's Location, Odell, Millsfield and the Town of Dummer will be upgraded as part of the proposed associated facilities. The Application proposes the construction of a new 34.5 kV electric transmission line for the collection of electricity from the turbines and a delivery to a proposed substation on Dummer Pond Road in the Town of Dummer. The Application also proposes the construction of a new 115 kV electric transmission line which will run for 5.8 miles along Dummer Pond Road and interconnect with an existing 115 kV line owned and operated by Public service Company of New Hampshire in the Town of Dummer. A new interconnection switching station will be constructed at the point of interconnection. In addition the Application proposes the construction of a maintenance building and a lay down yard adjacent to the sub-station to be constructed in the Town of Dummer.

Various maps depicting the exact location of the components of the proposed facilities are contained within the Application.

Nature of the Proposed Facility

The Applicant seeks a Certificate in order to construct and operate a renewable energy facility sometimes referred to as a windpark. The proposed wind turbines will consist of a tubular steel tower approximately 262 feet tall, rotor blades (3) with an approximate diameter of 295 feet; and a nacelle that measures thirteen feet in height, twelve feet in width and thirty two feet in length. Each turbine will have a nameplate capacity of three MW for a total project capacity of ninety-nine MW. The associated facilities proposed include the aforementioned 34.5 kV electrical transmission line (the Collection Line) the 115 kV electrical transmission line (the Interconnection Line), the aforementioned roads and the electrical sub-station, interconnection switching station, maintenance building and lay down yard.

Closing Arguments

The Sub-Committee will hear closing arguments from the Applicant, Counsel for the Public and the intervenors as part of the pending adjudicative proceeding in this docket on March 19, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Division of Forests and Lands, North Country Resources Center, 629B Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584-3612.

Additional Public Hearing

Pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H: 6-a, IV, and R.S.A. 162-H: 10, I, the Sub-Committee, designated pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H:4, V (b) shall hold at least one Public Hearing in the county in which the proposed facility is to be located. A Public Hearing was previously held at the Groveton High School on October 3, 2008. The additional Public Hearing will provide further opportunity for the public to comment on the facility proposed by the Application. The additional Public Hearing shall commence on March 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Town Hall.

Written Public Comment

Written public comment is welcome through the conclusion of the proceedings in this docket. Written comments should be addressed to:

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

Inspection of the Application

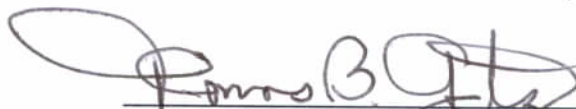
The aforementioned Application and all other correspondence and records regarding this matter are available for public inspection at the Office of the Chairman listed above.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the duly designated Sub-Committee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hear closing arguments from the parties in this docket on March 19, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at the office of the Division of Forests and Lands, North Country Resources Center, 629B Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584-3612, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sub-Committee shall hold a public hearing on March 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., at the Lancaster Town Hall, 25 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584, to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed facility, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicant shall cause this Order and Notice, as well as a display ad substantially in the form attached hereto, to be published on or before March 13, 2009 in a newspaper of regular statewide circulation and also in a newspaper of general circulation in Coos County. The Applicant shall file an affidavit attesting to said publication of notice with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on or before March 19, 2009.

By **ORDER** of the Site Evaluation Committee, this sixth day of March, 2009.



New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Thomas Getz, Vice-Chairman
Sub-Committee Chairman