

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2010-01

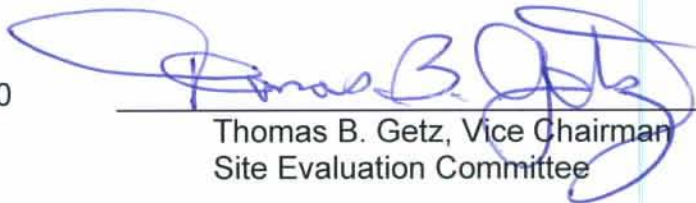
Re: Application of Groton Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Site
and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility Proposed to be
Located in Groton, Grafton County, New Hampshire

December 22, 2010

ORDER ON REPORT OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE/TECHNICAL SESSION

On December 17, 2010, a further prehearing conference/technical session was held in this docket. This prehearing conference/technical session was held for the purpose of determining the scope of additional discovery and the schedule for such discovery and technical sessions. The prehearing conference/technical session was presided over by counsel for the Committee. A copy of his report is attached hereto. The Report of Prehearing Conference/Technical Session is hereby adopted and the schedules contained therein shall govern the further discovery and technical sessions in this docket.

Date: December 22, 2010



Thomas B. Getz, Vice Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee

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ON DECEMBER 17, 2010**

A prehearing conference/technical session was held at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission on December 17, 2010. The prehearing conference/technical session was conducted by counsel to the Committee, Michael Iacopino. The following persons were present: Douglas Patch, attorney for the Applicant; Susan Geiger, attorney for the Applicant; Edward Cherian, Project Manager for the Applicant; Peter Roth, counsel for the public; Evan Mulholland, counsel for the public; Cheryl Lewis a representative of the Buttolph Lewis Spring group of intervenors; Selectman Miles Sinclair, Town of Groton; Nadine Peterson, Division of Historic Resources. The following parties did not appear at the prehearing conference/technical session: Town of Rumney; Town of Plymouth; Mazur/Wetterer group of intervenors.

Discussion ensued regarding the progress of the proceedings to date. Mr. Iacopino noted that there were 6 issues that appeared to require discussion and additional scheduling. Those 6 issues were identified as follows:

1. The alternate transmission line to the New Hampshire Electric Coop system;
2. The effect on the New Hampshire Electric Coop system otherwise known as the "Route 25 issue";

3. The siting, location and construction of the step up transformer station;
4. Progress with respect to the Division of Historic Resources;
5. Fish & Game issues raised by the letter of November 5, 2010;
6. The position of the Town of Plymouth as demonstrated in their recent letter to the Committee.

It was also noted that in addition to the Fish & Game letter noted above, the following supplemental pre-filed testimony had been received by the Committee:

1. Second Supplemental Pre-Filed Testimony of Rendell & Walker;
2. Second Supplemental Pre-Filed Testimony of Cherian;
3. Second Supplemental Pre-Filed Testimony of Adam Gravel;
4. Second Supplemental Pre-Filed Testimony of John Hecklau;
5. Second Supplemental Pre-Filed Testimony of Hope Luman.

Thereafter, there was discussion of the outstanding issues and the need for additional discovery process. It was determined that the additional discovery process should be broken down into 2 categories: (1) all transmission line and substation issues; and, (2) the historic resources issue. It was determined by the parties present that the discovery for each category issues may need to proceed on separate tracks.

The following dates were agreed to by the parties present:

December 31, 2010: The Applicant will identify the location of the step up transformer substation and any additional testimony pertaining to the siting, location, construction or operation of that facility will be filed;

January 14, 2011: The parties may submit no more than 25 data requests each to the Applicant on the transmission line and step up transformer station issues;

January 14, 2011: Counsel for the public and the parties will identify any additional witnesses or experts with respect to these issues;

January 21, 2011: The Applicant shall answer all data requests pertaining to this issue;

January 31, 2011: Additional pre-filed witness or expert testimony from counsel for the public and the intervenors is due;

February 7, 2011: The Applicant shall file not more than 25 data requests pertaining to each pre-filed testimony filed by counsel for the public or the intervenors;

February 14, 2011: Counsel for the public and the intervenors shall provide answers to data requests;

February 23, 2011 (Friday): A tech session shall be held with all parties' witnesses at a time and place to be determined.

The parties then went on to agree to a separate track for the discovery process pertaining to the outstanding historic resource issues. The following dates were agreed upon by the parties present:

January 19, 2011 (not later than this date): The Applicant will file its project area form with the Division of Historic Resources and provide copies to all parties;

February 2, 2011 (or not more than 2 weeks after receipt of the project area form): Counsel for the public and the intervenors may submit no more than 25 data requests to the Applicant. Counsel for the Public shall identify any additional witnesses or expert witnesses on historic resource issues;

February 9, 2011 (or not later than 7 days after receipt of data requests): The Applicant shall provide answers to all data requests from Counsel for the Public and the intervenors;

February 4, 2011: The intervenors shall identify any additional witnesses or experts with respect to historic resource issues;

February 18, 2011: The intervenors and counsel for the public shall provide testimony from any additional witnesses or expert witnesses with respect to the historic resource issues;

February 25, 2011: The Applicant shall submit not more than 25 data requests to counsel for the public and the intervenors based upon the supplemental pre-filed or expert testimony regarding historic resources;

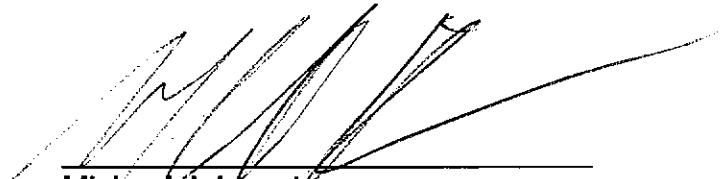
March 4, 2011: The intervenors and counsel for the public shall provide answers to the aforementioned data requests;

March 7, 2011: A tech session shall be held with all parties' witnesses at a time and place to be determined.

It was also determined that any issues concerning the letter received from the Town of Plymouth would be raised in a motion filed in accordance with the Committee's rules.

Having agreed upon the discovery issues and scheduling of the discovery process and technical sessions, the prehearing conference/technical session was adjourned.

December 22, 2010



Michael J. Iacopino
Counsel to the Site Evaluation Committee