

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2010-01

Re: Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

May 5, 2011

REPORT OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On April 22, 2011, the Site Evaluation Committee met and conducted an initial meeting with respect to the Petition for Jurisdiction Over Renewable Energy Facility Proposed by Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (Petition). Prior to the hearing, the Committee had received 19 Petitions to Intervene. After hearing from the Applicant about the scope of the Project and the reason that it filed a Petition, the Committee also heard from the Town of Antrim, through its Board of Selectmen, and from Gordon Webber on behalf of a petition filed by more than 100 registered voters of the Town of Antrim. Thereafter, the Committee heard from Public Counsel with respect to his view of the Petition. Thereafter, the Committee heard from each party/individual who moved to intervene in the process. All of the motions to intervene were taken under advisement. Counsel for the Committee was then directed to conduct a prehearing conference/technical session for the purposes of scheduling an adjudicative hearing. The following parties attended the prehearing conference/technical session: the Applicant, represented by Susan Geiger, Richard Uchida and Rachel Goldwasser. Also present with the Applicant was Jack Kenworthy and John Soininen of Eolian Renewable Energy and Peter Mara of Westerly Wind.

The Town of Antrim attended the prehearing conference/technical session, represented by Michael Genest, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and Galen A. Sterns, Town Administrator.

Gordon Webber attended the prehearing conference/technical session on behalf of the more than 100 registered voters who signed his Petition for Jurisdiction. Counsel for the Public, Peter Roth, attended the prehearing conference/technical session. The Harris Center for Conservation Education was represented at the technical session by John Frohling. The following individual potential intervenors were also present at the prehearing conference/technical session: Mary Allen, Robert Cleland, Keith Klinger, Barbara Gard, Marie Harriman, Diane Chauncey, Lorraine and Richard Block (the Blocks represented the interests of James Hankard, Samuel and Michelle Apkarian, and Mark and Brenda Schaffer), Martha Pinello, Antrim Planning Board.

The technical session began with counsel explaining the process used by the Site Evaluation Committee and the role of intervenors in that process. This was done because of the large number of *pro se* intervenors who do not have prior experience with the administrative process.

Once the preliminary matters and explanations were addressed, the parties discussed the schedule. After some discussion, there was agreement amongst all present to the following schedule:

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| April 29, 2011: | All parties will make their best efforts to disclose all witnesses. This disclosure should be made to all parties in the case. |
| May 6, 2011: | The Applicant, the Town of Antrim, and the Webber Petition Group must file prefiled testimony and exhibits. |

- May 20, 2011: Counsel for the Public and all intervenors must file their prefiled testimony and exhibits.
- May 24, 2011: The Applicant, the Town of Antrim and the Webber Petitioners must file any supplemental prefiled testimony.
- May 25/26/27, 2011: A technical session will be scheduled for one of these dates.
- June 1/2/3, 2011: A final merits will be held on one of these dates.

In addition, the following procedures will apply to all parties and filings in this matter:

1. All pleadings, petitions, motions, exhibits, memoranda or other documents filed by any party with the Committee shall be filed with the Office of Commissioner Burack through Jane Murray, Secretary to the Committee. The filer shall file the original and 14 copies. Copies of all pleadings, petitions, motions, exhibits, memoranda or other documents shall be served on all of the parties and persons listed on the Service List, other than the Committee members.

2. Service of all documents relating to the proceeding upon parties on the Service List shall be made by electronic mail unless a party or person listed on the Service List has indicated an inability to receive service by electronic mail, in which case service shall be made by first class mail, postage prepaid. See, N.H. CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS SITE 202.07(c). The parties shall refrain from communicating directly with Committee members by e-mail or otherwise.

3. If a party serving documents does not have the ability to serve them by electronic mail, service shall be made by first class mail, postage prepaid, in the United States mail. See, N.H. CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, SITE 202.07(d).

4. All parties and persons to be noticed shall, upon receipt of this report, provide complete service information, including regular address and electronic mail address, to Jane Murray at the Department of Environmental Services (jane.murray@des.nh.gov). Any party wishing to be excused from the requirement of electronic service shall provide a statement indicating whether or not they are able to receive documents and send documents in this docket via electronic mail.

5. All filings (whether served electronically or conventionally) shall contain a certification that the filing has been copied to all parties on the Service List (exclusive of Committee members). The service requirements in this docket and under the rules shall apply to parties only. The term “parties” as used herein includes all intervenors.

6. All pleadings, motions, petitions and other formal requests for action by the Committee in this docket, as well as all orders in this docket will, as time permits, be posted to the Committee's website.

7. All parties shall comply with N.H. CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION, SITE 202 to the extent that such regulations are consistent with this procedural order.

8. The presiding officer may supplement or revise these procedures as appropriate to the prompt and orderly conduct of the proceeding.

/s/Michael J. Iacopino
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