

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Docket No. 2012-01**

**Application of Antrim Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility
for a Renewable Energy Facility to be Located in Antrim, Hillsborough
County, New Hampshire**

Issued March 20, 2012

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF
PREHEARING CONFERENCE, SITE VISIT
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING**

The Application

On January 31, 2012, Antrim Wind, LLC (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application). The Applicant petitions the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) in order to site, construct and operate a renewable energy facility (Facility) in the Town of Antrim, Hillsborough County. The Applicant proposes to site, construct and operate a wind energy facility consisting of not more than ten wind turbines with a maximum nameplate capacity of not more than 3 megawatts (MW) each for a total nameplate capacity of not more than 30 MW. On March 5, 2012, the presiding officer as designated by the Chairman of the Committee accepted the Application as administratively complete. On March 20, 2012 a Subcommittee was appointed to review the Application as provided in RSA 162-H: 6-a, III and RSA 162-H: 4, V (Subcommittee).

Nature and Location of the Facility and Ancillary Facilities

The Facility is proposed to be located on and adjacent to property at 354 Keene Road (N.H. Route 9) in Antrim and includes approximately 1,850 acres of private lands leased to the Applicant. The lands occupy the area in Antrim from Route 9, southward to the east summit of Tuttle Hill, and to the north flank of Willard Mountain to the west. The Facility is proposed to be constructed on a ridgeline that starts approximately 0.75 miles south of N.H. Route 9 and runs south southwest, for approximately 2.5 miles. The Facility is proposed to consist of 10 wind turbines with a maximum nameplate capacity of not more than 3 MW each. The Applicant has not yet finalized its turbine selection but represents that the largest turbine under consideration is the Acciona AW-116 3 MW turbine (AW-116-3000). Each turbine will consist of a tower, a nacelle, and a three blade rotor. The total turbine height from foundation to blade tip will be 492 feet.

In addition, the Facility as proposed would consist of approximately 4 miles of new gravel surface roads within the project area, a joint electrical collector system consisting of both underground and overhead collection lines, an interconnection

substation to be built within a fenced area and an operations and maintenance building of approximately 3000 square feet.

The Applicant proposes to interconnect to an existing Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) 115 kVA electric transmission line through the proposed interconnection substation which will be constructed adjacent to and interconnect with the existing PSNH L – 163 115 kVA electric transmission line.

The Applicant expects the completion of construction to occur on or before September 30, 2014.

The Application contains a series of site plans, maps, figures, photographs and drawings that detail the nature and location of various aspects of the Facility.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that that the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hold a Public Information Hearing, a Site Inspection Visit, and a Pre-Hearing Conference at the times and places as set forth below:

Public Information Hearing and Site Visit

Pursuant to R.S.A 162-H: 6-a, IV, R.S.A 162-H:10, I, and NEW HAMPSHIRE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, SITE 201.01, the Subcommittee, designated pursuant to R.S.A 162-H:4, V shall hold at least one Public Information Hearing in the county in which the proposed facility is to be located. The hearing shall be for public information on the proposed facility with the Applicant presenting the information to the Subcommittee and the public. The proceedings shall be recorded and members of the public will be permitted to submit questions and give public comment. The Public Information Hearing may be preceded by a site inspection visit as weather permits.

On **April 30, 2012 at 1:00 o'clock, p.m.**, weather permitting, the members of the Subcommittee may commence a site inspection visit. The site inspection visit will commence at the Town Hall in Antrim and will then travel to the proposed site for the Facility and will proceed to travel to various places within or adjacent to the Site and location of the proposed Facility.

The Hillsborough County Information Hearing shall commence on **April 30, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock p.m.** at the Antrim Elementary School, School Street, Antrim, New Hampshire.

Pre-Hearing Conference

A Pre-Hearing Conference shall commence on **May 7, 2012 at 10 o'clock a.m.** at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Hearing Room B, Concord, New Hampshire. The purpose of the Pre-Hearing Conference is to

schedule and discuss proposed hearing schedules for the balance of the proceedings in this docket. Potential intervenors should attend the Pre-Hearing Conference.

Intervention

Any person who may be interested in participating as a party to the Committee's consideration of the Application shall file a Motion to Intervene on or before **May 1, 2012**. Motions to Intervene should be addressed to the Vice-Chairman of the Committee at the following address:

Amy L. Ignatius, Vice-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

Petitions for intervention, pursuant to RSA 541-A: 32 and NEW HAMPSHIRE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, SITE 202.11, must set forth facts demonstrating that the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of law; and, that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention. The Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee will rule on all motions for intervention in accordance with RSA 541-A: 32 and NEW HAMPSHIRE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Site 202.11. Intervenors may be subject to conditions, limitations and/or consolidation with others.

Written public comment is welcome through the conclusion of the proceedings in this docket.

Counsel for the Public

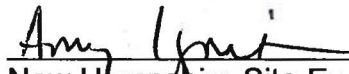
Pursuant to RSA 162-H: 9, the Attorney General shall appoint an Assistant Attorney General as Counsel for the Public. Counsel for the Public shall represent the public in seeking to protect the quality of the environment and in seeking to ensure an adequate supply of energy. The appointment of Counsel for the Public does not prevent any person from being heard or represented by counsel.

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, as listed above. The Application and other docket filings may also be available for inspection on the Committee's website: <http://www.nhsec.nh.gov/2012-01/index.htm>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicant shall cause this Order and Notice of Public Information Hearing to be published, on or before March 30, 2012, in a newspaper of general statewide circulation. The Applicant shall also cause this Order and Notice to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Hillsborough County as soon as practicable, consistent with such newspaper's publication schedules. In addition, the Applicant shall publish at least one display advertisement publicizing the public information hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in Hillsborough County not less than ten, nor more than fourteen days, prior to the public information hearing. The Applicant shall file an affidavit attesting to said publications of notice with the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on or before April 13, 2012.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee this 20th day of March, 2012.



New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Amy L. Ignatius, Vice-Chairman