# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### Docket No. 2012-01

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

#### May 18, 2012

## REPORT OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND PROCEDURAL ORDER

On May 7, 2012, a Prehearing Conference and Technical Session was held in the above entitled matter at the Offices of the Public Utilities Commission. The Prehearing Conference commenced at 10:00 a.m. Amy L. Ignatius, Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission and Vice Chairman of the Site Evaluation Committee, served as presiding officer.

The following appearances were noted: Susan Geiger and Douglas Patch of the Orr & Reno law firm representing Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (Applicant or AWE); Peter Roth, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Counsel for the Public; David Howe, Esq., representing the Audubon Society of New Hampshire (Audubon); Galen Stearns, Town Administrator on behalf of the Town of Antrim, *pro se*; David Dubois, Charles Levesque and Martha Pinello on behalf of the Antrim Planning Board (Planning Board), *pro se*; Peter Beblowski on behalf of the Antrim Conservation Commission, *pro se*; Paul Faber on behalf of the Harris Center for Conservation Education (Harris Center); Kenneth Kimball, Ph.D, on behalf of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), *pro se*; Lisa Linowes on behalf of the Industrial Wind Action Group (IWAG), *pro se*; Mary E. Allen, *pro se*; Richard Block, *pro se*; Mark Schaefer, *pro se*.

The hearing was opened by the presiding officer, Vice-Chairman Ignatius. The presiding officer reviewed the procedural history of the docket. At the request of the presiding officer, Counsel for the Public gave the participants a brief explanation of his role in the proceeding. The presiding officer heard arguments from the participants on the pending motions to intervene and announced that she would issue a written order on the motions to intervene. Thereafter, the prehearing conference was adjourned and the parties retired to a technical session for the purposes of attempting to establish a procedural schedule for the balance of this docket.

At the conclusion of the technical session, the following procedural schedule was agreed upon by all parties present:

June 1, 2012	Deadline: Data requests by Intervenors and Counsel for the Public to be served upon Applicant. Data requests shall be limited to no more than 50 from each party.
June 20, 2012	Deadline: Applicant's responses to data requests are due.
July 4, 2012	Deadline: State agency preliminary progress reports.
June 27-29, 2012	Technical Session No. 1 (Applicant's witnesses.) Time and place to be determined.
July 12, 2012	Deadline: Applicant's responses to technical session data requests are due.
July 20, 2012	Deadline: Intervenor and Counsel for the Public witness disclosure and prefiled testimony due.
July 30, 2012	Deadline: Applicant's data requests to Intervenors and Counsel for the Public to be served. Data requests shall be limited to no more than 50 to each party.
August 14, 2012	Deadline: Responses to Applicant's data requests are due from Intervenors and Counsel for the Public.
August 20-21, 2012	Technical Session No. 2 (Intervenor's and Public Counsel's witnesses.) Time and place to be determined.
August 27, 2012	Deadline: Answers from Intervenors and Public Counsel to Tech Session No.2 data requests are due.
September 4, 2012	Deadline: State agency final reports.
September 5, 2012	Deadline: All parties' supplemental filings and supplemental prefiled testimony.
September 7, 2012	10 AM Final Prehearing Conference and marking of exhibits. Final technical session if necessary. NH Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH, 03301
September 10-14, 2012	9 AM. Adjudicative hearings (five days reserved).
October 1, 2012	Deadline: Post-hearing briefs are due.
October 4-5, 2012	10 AM Subcommittee public deliberations (two days reserved.) NH Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH, 03301

It is hereby ordered that the procedural schedule set forth above shall apply to this docket and that the Applicant, Counsel for the Public, the intervenors, and all interested parties shall comply with the aforementioned procedural schedule. Due to the Subcommittee's scheduling commitments and the statutory time frame, motions to continue, to extend time or to reschedule will be disfavored and will only be granted for good cause.

The following procedures will apply to all parties and filings:

- 1. All data requests propounded must be copied to all parties in order to avoid duplication of requests. One copy shall be copied to counsel to the Committee. **Data requests shall not be filed with the Committee.**
- 2. Responses to data requests will be copied to all parties in the proceeding, with one copy to counsel for the Committee. Answers to data requests shall not be filed with the Committee.
- 3. All pleadings, petitions, motions, exhibits, memoranda or other documents filed by any party with the Committee shall be filed with Jane Murray, Secretary to the Committee. (Ms. Murray will provide copies to Subcommittee members at the appropriate time.) The filer shall file the original and nine (9) copies. Copies of all pleadings, petitions, motions, exhibits, memoranda or other documents shall be served on all other parties and persons listed on the Service List, other than Committee or Subcommittee members.
- 4. Service of all documents relating to the proceeding upon parties and 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 United States Postal Service, first class mail, postage prepaid. See, New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.07(c).
- 5. If a party serving documents does not have the ability to serve them by electronic mail, service shall be made by first class United States Postal service Mail, postage prepaid. See, New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.07(d).
- 6. All parties and persons to be noticed shall, upon receipt of this Report, provide the 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.

- 7. All filings (whether filed electronically or conventionally) shall contain a certification that the filing has been copied to all parties on the Service List **(exclusive of Committee and Subcommittee members)**. The service requirements in this docket and under the rules shall apply to parties only. The term "parties" as used herein includes the applicant, counsel for the public and all intervenors.
- 8. Data requests and responses to data requests shall not be published on the Committee's website unless they are subsequently admitted as exhibits in this proceeding.
- All pleadings, motions, petitions and other formal requests for action by the Subcommittee in this docket, as well as all Orders in this docket, will, as time permits, be posted to the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.
- 10. All parties shall comply with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202 to the extent that such regulations are consistent with this Procedural Order.

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Amy L. Ignatous, Presiding Officer Vice Chairman NH Site Evaluation Committee