

**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**

August 15, 2012

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF FINAL PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
AND PUBLIC ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

I. The Application.

On January 31, 2012, Antrim Wind Energy, 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 construct and operate a renewable energy facility in the Town of Antrim, Hillsborough County, consisting of not more than 10 wind turbines each having a nameplate capacity of not more than 3 megawatts (MW) for a total nameplate capacity of 30 MW (Facility). The Vice-Chair of the Committee accepted the Application as administratively complete on March 5, 2012, and a Subcommittee was appointed to review the Application as provided in RSA 162-H:6-a, III and RSA 162-H:4, V (Subcommittee).

II. 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) 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 primarily 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 notified the Committee that it has selected and intends to construct 10 Acciona AW-116 3MW Turbines (AW-116-3000). Each turbine will consist of a tower, a nacelle, and a 3 blade rotor. The total turbine height from foundation to blade tip will be approximately 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 and an operations and maintenance building of approximately 3,000 square feet. As part of its Application, the Applicant has requested the Site Evaluation Committee to grant a subdivision of the land upon which the interconnection substation will be sited so that the property can be transferred to Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) who will own and operate the substation.

The Applicant proposes to interconnect to an existing PSNH 115 kV electric transmission line through the proposed interconnection substation which will be constructed adjacent to the PSNH L-163 115 kV electric transmission line. If the Facility is certificated, the Applicant expects completion of construction to occur on or before September 30, 2014.

III. Parties to the Adjudicative Proceedings.

The public will be represented in these proceedings by duly appointed Counsel for the Public, Peter C.L. Roth, Senior Assistant Attorney General. The parties to the adjudicative proceedings are: the Applicant, Antrim Wind, LLC; the Town of Antrim; the Antrim Planning Board; the Antrim Conservation Commission; the Stoddard Conservation Commission; the Harris Center for Conservation Education; the Industrial Wind Action Group; the Appalachian Mountain Club; a group of abutting land owners (Brenda and Mark Schaefer, Janice Dooley Longgood, and Clark Craig, Jr.); a group of intervenors resident in the north branch area of Antrim (Richard and Lorraine Block, Robert Cleland and Annie Law, Elsa Voelcker, James Hankard, Samuel and Michele Apkarian, and Clifton Burdette); Katharine Elizabeth Sullivan; Robert Edwards and Mary E. Allen; and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

IV. Public Comment.

The Subcommittee shall reserve time on September 13, 2012, and September 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. to hear oral comments from the public pertaining to the Application and the proposed Facility. Written public comments may be filed with the Subcommittee until the closing of the proceedings. Written public comments should be mailed to Jane Murray, Secretary to the Committee, Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302.

V. Time, Date and Place: Final Pre-Hearing Conference.

A final pre-hearing conference shall be held on Friday, September 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire. At the final pre-hearing conference, all parties shall have final exhibit lists and exhibits with sufficient copies for all of the parties and the Subcommittee. Argument on any outstanding motions or requests may be heard at the final pre-hearing conference. Michael J. Iacopino, counsel to the Committee, shall serve as presiding officer at the final pre-hearing conference.

VI. Time, Date and Place: Commencement of Adjudicatory Proceedings.

The adjudicatory hearing shall commence on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire and shall continue each day thereafter at such times and places as determined by the Chair of the Subcommittee. In addition, the hearing may be recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED: That the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hold a public adjudicative hearing on September 10, 2012, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire and each day thereafter at such further times and places as the Chairperson of the Subcommittee may announce.

FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of this Order and Notice of Final Pre-Hearing Conference and Public Adjudicative Proceedings shall be served on each of the parties and the Applicant shall cause this Order and Notice to be published on or before August 22, 2012, in a newspaper of regular statewide jurisdiction and also in a general newspaper of general circulation in Hillsborough County. The Applicant shall file an Affidavit attesting to said publication of notice with the Chairman of the Subcommittee on or before September 7, 2012.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee this fifteenth day of August, 2012.



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