## 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 22, 2012

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND FURTHER PROCEDURAL ORDER

### **Procedural History and Background**

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 Facility includes a proposed interconnection yard and substation as associated facilities

The Application in this docket requests that the Subcommittee approve the creation of a sub-divided lot so that the Applicant can transfer title to the proposed interconnection yard and substation to Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH). The Application asserts that PSNH requires ownership of the property in order to allow interconnection. The Applicant asserts that the Committee has the authority to create a subdivided lot pursuant to RSA 162-H: 16, II. The statute cited by the Applicant does provides that the Committee's determination shall be "conclusive on all questions of siting, land use, air and water quality." However, whether the Committee can actually create a subdivided lot is an issue that has never before been determined by the Committee or a court. By Order dated July 11, 2012, the parties to this docket were requested to file legal briefs or memoranda addressing this issue.

On July 24, 2012, the parties filed legal briefs and/or memoranda. On August 3, 2012, the Applicant filed a reply memorandum. On August 13, 2012, Counsel for the Public filed a motion to strike the Applicant's reply memorandum. On August 17, 2012, the Applicant filed an objection to the motion to strike.

#### **Public Meeting**

On September 6, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. the Subcommittee shall meet in public for the purpose of reviewing and deliberating on the subdivision issue as addressed in the briefs and memoranda of law. At that time the Chair of the Subcommittee may permit oral argument by the

parties on the issues raised in the briefs and memoranda addressing the subdivision issue and on the motion to strike.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in the above entitled docket, that the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall conduct a public meeting on September 6, 2012, commencing at 9 A.M. at the Offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 110, Concord, New Hampshire to review and deliberate on the issues as set forth above.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee this twenty-second day of August, 2012.

Amy L. Iguatius, Presiding Officer

Vice Chairman

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee