

**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**

October 25, 2012

REPORT OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

On October 25, 2012 a Pre-Hearing Conference was held in this docket at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission.

Counsel for the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, presided over the conference.

Appearances:

The following parties in this docket attended: Antrim Wind Energy, LLC; Counsel or the public, Senior Assistant Attorney general Peter C.L. Roth; Industrial Wind Action Group; Audubon Society of New Hampshire; Harris center for Conservation education; the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Town of Antrim; the Antrim Planning Board; the Antrim Conservation Commission; North Branch Intervenor group. Prior to the conference the Stoddard Conservation Commission, by Geoffrey Jones, Janice Longgood on behalf of the intervening abutters and Mary Allen of the Edwards/Allen intervenors group all made contact with Counsel and advised generally of their availability for the proceedings and discussed the filing of exhibits. Katharine Sullivan advised counsel that she would not be present due to a health concern. The Gregg Lake Association did not appear and did not contact Counsel.

Order of Examination:

After taking appearances the conference proceeded to determine the order of examination of witnesses for the upcoming adjudicatory hearings. The Order of examination was determined to be:

For the Applicant witnesses:

1. Harris Center
2. Antrim Conservation commission
3. Stoddard Conservation Commission
4. Katharine Sullivan
5. Intervening Abutters (Ms. Longgood)
6. Town of Antrim
7. Antrim Planning Board

8. Audubon Society
9. Edwards/Allen
10. North Branch Group (Mr. Block)
11. Appalachian Mountain Club
12. Industrial Wind action Group
13. Counsel for the Public.

Witnesses for the other parties shall be examined in the following order:

1. Counsel for the Public
2. Harris Center
3. Antrim Conservation Commission
4. Stoddard Conservation Commission
5. Katharine Sullivan
6. Intervening Abutters
7. Town of Antrim
8. Antrim Planning Board
9. Audubon Society
10. Edwards/Allen
11. North Branch Group
12. Appalachian Mountain Club
13. Industrial Wind Action Group
14. Applicant

Order of Presentation:

The order of presentation was then determined. The Applicant, bearing the burden of proof, will present its case first. Thereafter the order of presentation shall be:

1. Counsel for the Public
2. North Branch Intervenor Group
3. Audubon Society
4. Edwards/Allen
5. Antrim Planning Board
6. Antrim Conservation Commission
7. Stoddard Conservation Commission
8. Industrial wind Action Group
9. Abutting Intervenor
10. Katharine Sullivan
11. Appalachian Mountain Club

Scheduling Issues:

The following scheduling issues were discussed. John Guariglia is not available until Friday, November 2, 2012 due to other commitments. It will be necessary for Counsel for the

public's visual expert; Jean Vissering to testify after Mr. Guariglia. In addition the Appalachian Mountain Club is primarily concerned with visual impacts. Therefore it was determined that the visual impact witnesses would be scheduled to testify on Friday, November 2, 2012.

Mr. Pasqualini has a medical appointment on Monday and is not available until Tuesday October 30, 2012. The panel of Mr. Cofelice and Mr. Pasqualini will testify on Tuesday, October 29, 2012, assuming they are reached.

Mr. Block informed Counsel that his witness Susan Morse (wildlife/natural environment) may also have to testify on Friday, November 2, 2012. Mr. Block was not sure about the scheduling of his witness Mr. James (sound) but believes that Thursday, November 1, 2012, was the best day for Mr. James who must travel from Michigan.

The Lineup:

Based on the conversation at the conference it was determined that the hearings would begin and proceed as follows:

Applicant's case:

1. Mr. Kenworthy (Project Manager).
The parties collectively anticipate approximately three hours of cross examination for Mr. Kenworthy.
2. Panel: McCabe/Segura-Cota/Wright (Managerial and Technical Capability) Anticipated cross-examination: 1.5 hours.
3. Colin High (Air Quality).
Anticipated cross-examination: 2.5 hours.
4. Panel (Tuesday): Cofelice/Pasqualini (Financial Capability)
Anticipated cross-examination: 3 hours.
5. Mr. Magnusson (Orderly Development and Real Estate Value)
Anticipated cross-examination: 2.5 hours.
6. Panel: Will/Stevenson (Historic Sites)
Anticipated cross examination: 2 hours.
7. Panel: Butler/Martin (Construction/Water Quality/Public Health & Safety)
Anticipated cross-examination: 2 hours.
8. Panel: Valleau/Gravel (Natural Environment/Wetlands/Avian & Bat)
Anticipated cross-examination: 3.5 hours.
9. Mr. O'Neal (Sound)

- Anticipated cross-examination: 4 hours.
10. Mr. Guariglia (Reserved for Friday, November 2, 2012)(Visual Impacts)
Anticipated cross-examination: 4 hours.

Counsel for the Public:

1. Mr. Lloyd-Evans (Avian Impacts)
Anticipated cross-examination: 2.5 hours.
2. Mr. Tocci (Sound)
Anticipated cross-examination: 3.0 hours.
3. Ms. Vissering (Reserved for Friday, November 2, 2012)(Visual Impacts)
Anticipated cross-examination: 2.5 hours.

North Branch Group:

1. Panel: Mr. and Mrs. Block
Anticipated cross-examination: 2.5 hours.
2. Panel: Voelcker/Cleland and Law
Anticipated cross-examination: 1.0 hour.
3. Ms. Morse (Natural Environment/Wildlife)
Anticipated cross-examination: 3.5 hours
4. Richard James (Prefers Thursday, November 1, 2012)(Sound)
Anticipated cross-examination: 3 hours.

Audubon Society of New Hampshire;

1. Panel: Foss/Nickerson/Brown (Natural Environment/Avian)
Anticipated cross-examination: 3 hours.

Edwards/Allen:

1. Panel: Edwards/Allen (Orderly Development/PILOT)
Anticipated cross-examination: 1.5 hours.

Antrim Planning Board:

1. Panel: Levesque/Pinello (Orderly Development/Planning Agency Views)
Anticipated cross-examination: 1.5 hours.

Antrim Conservation Commission:

1. Mr. Beblowski (Planning Agency/Conservation)
Anticipated cross-examination: 1.0 hour.

Stoddard Conservation Commission:

1. Mr. Jones (Planning Agency/Conservation)
Anticipated cross-examination: 2.0 hours.

Industrial Wind Action Group:

1. Ms. Linowes
Anticipated cross-examination: 2.0 hours.

Intervening Abutters:

1. Panel: Longgood/Schaefer/Craig
Anticipated cross-examination: 1.0 hour.

Katharine Sullivan:

1. Ms. Sullivan
Anticipated cross-examination: 40 minutes.

Appalachian Mountain Club:

1. Dr. Kimball (Friday, November 2, 2012) (Visual Impacts)
Anticipated cross-examination: 1.0 hour.

There will be no direct examination. All witnesses have already presented pre-filed direct examination. If a party seeks to elicit specific testimony in rebuttal to a supplemental filing they shall advise the presiding officer and point to the specific information in the record that they wish to address. The presiding officer will rule on the scope of such questions.

The parties were made aware that it is unlikely that the adjudicatory proceedings will conclude as scheduled on November 2, 2012. They were advised to review calendars for additional dates of availability going forward. In addition there was discussion regarding the forecasted hurricane/storm and transportation and scheduling problems that may arise.

Adjournment:

The Pre-Hearing Conference was adjourned and the parties caucused for the purpose of marking exhibits for the upcoming hearing. A master exhibit list shall be distributed when prepared.