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January 2, 2013

Thomas Burack, Chairman NH Site Evaluation Committee Dept. of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Dr., Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re:

Timbertop Wind I, LLC Petition for Jurisdiction

Dear Chairman Burack:

As you know, my law firm, Brennan, Caron, Lenehan & lacopino, has acted as outside counsel to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") with respect to numerous applications for Certificates of Site and Facility over the past fourteen years. We have also assisted the Committee when dealing with issues that have been raised in other contexts, such as requests for exemptions from certificates, requests for modifications of outstanding certificates and requests for jurisdictional advice. Additionally, I was involved in the efforts of the Site Evaluation Committee to promulgate administrative regulations and have testified before the Legislature with regard to proposed statutory amendments.

It is my understanding that the Committee recently received a Petition for Jurisdiction from Timbertop Wind I, LLC, regarding the proposed project in New Ipswich and Temple, New Hampshire. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that our office is available, ready, willing and able to represent the Committee with respect to the recently filed Petition if, in fact, the Committee deems it necessary and appropriate to hire outside counsel for this purpose.

Generally, the applicant or party seeking the Committee's action has been responsible for the payment of our fees. See, RSA 162-H: 10, V. In the past, our bills have been presented to the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee for approval, and then forwarded to the applicant for payment. To the best of my knowledge, that system has worked well and I do not believe that there has ever been an issue raised by any applicant regarding the amount of fees charged by my Firm.



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In representing the Committee in this matter, I would propose attorney's fees in the hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour, and reimbursement for out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by counsel. To the extent that I employ the use of an associate in my office, the hourly rate for such an associate will be less than \$200.00 per hour. In no case will my office charge more than \$200.00 per hour, and our time will never be billed twice for two lawyers working on the matter at the same time, including attendance at meetings or hearings.

I can report that my firm does not have any conflict of interest with respect to representing the Committee concerning the Application.

Should you require further information about my Firm and our qualifications, I would be happy to provide that in whatever format you require. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent the Site Evaluation Committee and ask that you approve our representation under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. lacopino

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