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SEC Notice of Pre-rulemaking Process

N.H. RSA 162-H:10, VII, requires that the Site Evaluation Commission (SEC, established pursuant to [RSA 162-H Energy Facility Evaluation, Siting, Construction And Operation](#)), no later than January 1, 2015, adopt administrative rules

“relative to criteria for the siting of energy facilities, including specific criteria to be applied in determining if the requirements of RSA 162-H:16, IV(b) and (c) have been met ... Prior to the adoption of such rules, the office of energy and planning shall hire and manage one or more consultants to conduct a public stakeholder process to develop recommended regulatory criteria....”.

Establishing siting criteria will be a complex topic of great interest to a wide variety of stakeholders. In order to work effectively toward the goal of adopting final rules by the January 1, 2015 deadline, it will be valuable to hear from as many stakeholders as possible early in the process of developing a rulemaking proposal. Therefore, in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, VII., the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) will undertake an informal pre-rulemaking public stakeholder process to receive input prior to the development of a draft initial rulemaking proposal in accordance with the [Administrative Procedures Act, RSA 541-A](#).

OEP will provide additional information and notices of public meetings on its SB 99 Study website www.nh.gov/oep/energy/programs/sb99.htm.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to consult with one another and develop provisions they would consider appropriate for inclusion in rules, to further assist OEP when the stakeholder process begins.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas S. Burack".

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Chairman, SEC, and Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services