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David K. Wiesner, Staff Attorney  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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Dear Attorney Wiesner:

I am writing to you in regards to the presently underway rulemaking for RSA 162-H, Energy Facility Evaluation, Siting, Construction and Operation, specifically RSA 162-H:16, Findings and Certificate Issuance concerning contents of an application for a certificate of site and facility, completeness review and acceptance of an application, criteria for making the findings and new definitions.

By letter dated September 22, 2014, National Grid, Northeast Utilities, PSNH and other entities submitted draft rules to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, for consideration of adoption.

On behalf of Hitchiner Manufacturing Co., Inc. ("Hitchiner"), I am seeking your support for the adoption in full of these draft rules, as submitted.

Over the past several years, I have observed the debates over siting energy facilities as opposition has grown against particular wind, electric transmission and natural gas pipeline projects. I am concerned that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to site new energy facilities and transmission lines in New Hampshire despite obvious benefits from more renewable energy and greater pipeline capacity.

Hitchiner employs over 600 people at its facilities in New Hampshire. It is critical to our operations and our future viability in New Hampshire that we have access to a readily available and affordable supply of electricity and natural gas. Statistically, Hitchiner is currently the tenth largest consumer of natural gas and perennially also the tenth largest consumer of electricity in the State of New Hampshire.

In terms of the submitted draft rules, I believe they are thorough and even handed in directing applicants what to file and include an appropriate balance between the impacts and the benefits of new energy facilities as well as support the efforts for greater public input and transparency. It is important to recognize that rules implement the law and are not an opportunity to change the law or legislative policy. These submitted draft rules fully embrace the requirements of SB 245 by establishing clear, comprehensive and fair criteria for developers and the Site Evaluation Committee.

For all of the reasons above-cited, I respectfully request your full support to adopt this approach in formulating its initial proposal for rulemaking.

Sincerely,  
HITCHINER MANUFACTURING CO., INC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John H. Morison, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "M".

John H. Morison, III  
Chairman