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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: Draft Site Evaluation Committee Rules – Docket# 2014-04

Dear Mr. Weisner:

The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Site Evaluation Committee rules – Docket# 2014-04.

Founded in 1911, the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) is a membership and trade organization representing New Hampshire's timberland owners and all aspects of the forest products industry. The NHTOA advocates for its members on issues that will impact their timberland ownership and management or operation of their forest-related business. Because NHTOA members grow, harvest and convert biomass (wood chips) into electricity and heat and in recent years more of our members have begun pursuing wind power projects on their property we have an interest in energy siting.

Although the NHTOA is not in a position to speak to the intricacies of the proposed rules we are advocates for rules that will establish clear, concise and science-based guidelines for the siting of power generation and transmission facilities. This is important for those seeking to develop generation and transmission facilities and for the communities that will host them. For these reasons we are writing in support of the September 22, 2014 rule proposal from the various energy groups.

During the 2014 N.H. Legislative Session the NHTOA advocated for the passage of a compromise version of House Bill 1602. We believe the rules proposed by the various energy groups on September 22, 2014 are consistent with the spirit of House Bill 1602.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on Docket# 2014-04.

Sincerely,



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