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David K. Wiesner, Staff Attorney  
New Hampshire Public Utility Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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Re: Draft Site Evaluation Committee Rules

Dear Attorney Wiesner,

Please accept this letter in support of the draft rules submitted by a collection of energy entities, dated September 22, 2014, to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission relative to the Site Evaluation Committee request for public comment per Senate Bill 245 and House Bill 1602. We strongly urge the Committee to adopt the views and approaches outlined in that submittal in developing the rules.

BAE Systems is the largest manufacturer and a leading energy user in New Hampshire. Access to reliable, low-cost energy is a critical enabler to the competitiveness of our business, as well as, the livelihood of our over 4,500 employees in the region. Energy prices in New Hampshire rank among the highest in the country. As a company with facilities spread across the nation and globe, we are fully aware of the significant impact high energy costs have on our business. Proper legislative actions must be taken to reverse the trend of rising energy costs. We support a legislative climate that enables fair and timely consideration of energy generation and transmission projects. We support energy infrastructure development policies that strike an appropriate balance between the need to protect and preserve our environment with the need for energy in the Northeast. We believe these draft rules will lead to a siting process that will enable economic growth for New Hampshire by allowing development of energy infrastructure in a fair and reasonable manner.

We have reviewed the draft rules and feel they result in a clear, balanced, approach to the issues surrounding application requirements, review, and acceptance criteria for energy sites and facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to give our opinion in this advance public comment period. This issue is vitally important to retain our manufacturing base in the State of New Hampshire and support economic growth in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PG Markwardt", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Markwardt  
VP & Deputy General Manager  
BAE SYSTEMS Inc.