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NH Public Utilities Commission

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Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Rulemaking, Docket 2014-04

Dear Mr. Wiesner,

I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the public hearing today.

I would like to bring to your attention to site 103.05, Committee Administrator and Staff.

This section addresses the appointment of an administrator to serve as over-seer of energy projects in the state. This position is extremely critical, and I view it as very wisely added to the docket. Had there been a capable external monitor for industrial wind projects under construction in the recent past, many troublesome errors might have been completely avoided.

With an administrator, the SEC will be able to assure itself, and the public, that projects are in fact proceeding according to the signed permit. Buildings would not be built 150 meters from the original permitted site; structures would be sited exactly to the approved and permitted plans; roads and access would be according to the grade agreed to by the SEC; and fire and public safety issues would be kept consistent as approved by the SEC. Major and troubling deviations can be prevented by the parameters you put in place for this position.

However, it is of ultimate importance to your committee to give specific guidelines for the administrator. I urge you to be extremely specific about what your administrator might approve.

For example, I suggest your rules state:

-There cannot be any deviation of site/structure placement from the agreed upon permit unless such deviations are brought directly to the SEC.

-There can be no deviation in grade of road construction from original approved and permitted plans.

-The administrator will verify that the project complies with all state standards for inspection, safety, and certification regarding the standards of the state Fire Marshall

Additionally, the specific qualifications required and submitted by applicants for the position of administrator should be clearly stated. What specifically is the committee looking for? PHD qualified? Masters degree? other specific experience and training?

By looking carefully and seriously at the suggestions mentioned, I believe the SEC can avoid endless hours of complaints, hearings, and misunderstandings by the companies involved, and the public at large. .

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Tuthill", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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