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

Dear Mr. Wiesner,

Upon review the SEC rules/rulemaking, I would like to address a section that I believe needs to be addressed by the SEC during your rulemaking changes.

The concerns I address here are in regards to: Site 201.01 Public Information Sessions Prior to Application, and Site 201.02 Public Information Sessions After Application

I have put my suggestions *in bold italic print*.

Regarding Public Information Sessions Prior to Application:

(a) At least 30 days prior to filing an application for a certificate, the applicant shall hold at least one public information session in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located, at which session the applicant shall present information regarding the project and receive comments **and publicly answer questions** from the public.

As per the title, 'Public Information Session', the public should be allowed an honest opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant, questions which may not have been represented during the Application's presentation. Unless there are stated requirements as to the information that must be conveyed by the Applicant, (based on input from the Public), the Public should be given the opportunity to ask relevant questions.

The purpose of the present Rulemaking effort and changes to the SEC process are to provide the Public with greater trust and transparency in the process, which has been lacking in this area previously. Denying the Public an opportunity to have their relevant questions answered goes against the intent of the Public Information Session.

(c) Not less than 10 days before each such session, the applicant shall provide to the chairperson of the committee **and Service List** a copy of the public notice published pursuant to (b) above.

The committee may not be aware that there are people that request to be on the Service List that may have property in the Application area yet do not receive local newspapers (i.e. interested parties). The Applicant needs to make every effort in conveying all information to the interested parties in a timely manner.

Regarding Public Information Sessions After Application

(a) Within 45 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate pursuant to Site 301.04, the applicant shall hold at least one public information session in each **town** in which the proposed facility is to be located, at which session the applicant shall present information **and publicly answer** questions regarding the proposed energy facility described in the application.

(c) Not less than 10 days before each such session, the applicant shall provide to the presiding officer of the committee **and Service List** a copy of the public notice published pursuant to (b) above.

Again, to reiterate what has been mentioned above, engaging in dialogue and information exchange with land owners and residents who live in areas where energy projects are to be installed is simply a matter of good business, and common sense. Changes to your rules can make this a reality. Through supporting open, public exchange between industry representatives and residents you provide another way for the SEC to demonstrate fairness and objectivity. Questions of residents and property owners in New Hampshire are worth listening to, and are worthy of being a part of information industry representatives have at hand. As mentioned earlier, it is also the intent of the Public Information Session.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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