

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2014-04 Committee Rulemaking and Other Business

Minutes of Committee Meeting on December 22, 2014

On Monday, December 22, 2014, a duly noticed meeting of the Site Evaluation Committee was held at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire. The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. by Chairman Martin P. Honigberg, who noted the presence of a quorum based on the attendance of the following seven Committee members:

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| Martin P. Honigberg | Chairman, Public Utilities Commission |
| Thomas S. Burack | Vice Chairman, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services |
| Robert R. Scott | Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission |
| Jeffrey J. Rose | Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development |
| Elizabeth H. Muzzey | Director, Division of Historical Resources |
| Roger Hawk | Public Member |
| Patricia Weathersby | Public Member |

Chairman Honigberg observed that this was the first meeting of the Committee following its reconstitution pursuant to the Senate Bill 245 amendments to RSA 162-H, and he welcomed the two public members to the Committee. The public members both confirmed that they had taken the requisite oath of office and had submitted the necessary documentation to assume their positions. Chairman Honigberg noted that the meeting was open to the public, but was not a public hearing, and therefore would not be open for comment from members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Honigberg introduced the first item of business to be considered by the Committee, the review and potential adoption of draft revisions to the administrative rules of the Committee, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Site 100-300. He noted that legislation enacted earlier in the year required substantial changes to the rules of the Committee, including its organization and procedures and specific criteria for the submission, evaluation and approval of applications for a certificate of site and facility for a proposed energy facility. Many of these revisions are required by Senate Bill 245, while House Bill 1602 directed the Committee to adopt rules establishing criteria and standards particular to the siting of wind energy systems.

Chairman Honigberg summarized the process by which written comments were requested and received from the public and a draft set of proposed rules revisions was prepared by PUC staff counsel, at the request of and in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee. This draft of proposed rules revisions, dated as of December 16, 2014, was circulated to the Committee members and posted on the web site under the current rulemaking docket.

Following this introduction and summary, the Committee reviewed and considered the proposed rules revisions. A number of substantive and textual revisions were proposed by individual members, discussed and debated by all members, and approved by unanimous assent of the members. Following this process of review and revision, Vice Chairman Burack made a

motion to approve the proposed rules as an initial proposal for rulemaking under RSA 541-A, with the revisions identified and approved during the meeting and other non-substantive “housekeeping” changes to be made by PUC staff counsel in consultation with the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott. On a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Honigberg then introduced the second item of business, a proposal to authorize the Chairman to take action pursuant to RSA 162-H:3-a to hire or engage personnel to provide administrative support to the Committee in the absence of a full-time administrator. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Scott made a motion to authorize the Chairman to engage additional technical, legal, or administrative support to fulfill the functions of the Committee as necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rose. On a voice vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Approved: April 2, 2015