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Site 301.03 (g) suggested wording:

The rationale is contained in the wording.

“The SEC may only certify a project that is a high-voltage transmission line that the commission finds is:

(1) needed for system reliability, as defined by ISO.

(2) in the public interest, taking into account electric energy system needs and economic, environmental, and social interests affected by the project.”

a. No proposed large energy facility or transmission line shall be certified for construction unless the applicant can show that demand for electricity cannot be met more cost effectively through energy conservation and load-management measures and unless the applicant has otherwise justified its need. In assessing need, the commission shall evaluate:

(1) the accuracy of the long-range energy demand forecasts on which the necessity for the facility is based;

(2) the effect of existing or possible energy conservation programs or other federal or state legislation on long-term energy demand;

(3) the relationship of the proposed facility to overall state energy needs;

(4) promotional activities that may have given rise to the demand for this facility;

(5) benefits of this facility, including its uses to protect or enhance environmental quality, and to increase reliability of energy supply in New Hampshire;

(6) possible alternatives for satisfying the energy demand or transmission needs including but not limited to potential for increased efficiency and upgrading of existing energy generation and transmission facilities, load-management programs, and distributed generation;

(7) the policies, rules, and regulations of other state and federal agencies and local governments;

(8) any feasible combination of energy conservation improvements that can

(i) replace part or all of the energy to be provided by the proposed facility, and

(ii) compete with it economically, and

(iii) reduce consumer dependence on energy suppliers.