

By Electronic Mail

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Chairman Martin Honigberg
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: NH Site Evaluation Committee Rulemaking, Docket No. 2014-04

Dear Commissioner Honigberg:

I would like to thank all members of the SEC for their time and effort in creating the proposed rules to be used for siting energy projects in NH. These rules were drafted after a lengthy process that included extensive public and industry input. The proposed rules have achieved a thoughtful balance and take into account the many varied issues that arise when determining how to best site large energy projects in NH. Because of this, I support the proposed rules and hope that they will be approved as the SEC has drafted them to reflect the proper legislative intent.

It is late in the game for industry comments to be submitted with the intent of changing the standards that have been so carefully thought out. Standards that have been developed with much scrutiny and deliberation. Standards that do achieve the balance between protecting the public's interest while allowing energy projects to be developed and sited responsibly.

Improved restrictions, built into the proposed rules to protect the public, should not be mischaracterized by industry as something that would effectively prohibit them from doing business in NH. It is not unreasonable to expect an energy developer to conduct their business in a manner that does not adversely affect the public. There has been enough evidence in the recent past, and in the form of litigation, surrounding existing energy projects that illustrates the need to protect the public's rights.

I trust you will take the proper path and approve the rules as drafted by the SEC.
Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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