## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE ORDER AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

#### **December 30, 2014**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct a Prehearing Conference on January 30, 2015 at 10 AM. The Conference shall be held in Hearing Room A at the offices of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

The business of the Site Evaluation Committee at said meeting shall include the following docket and any other business that is lawfully before the Committee:

# Docket Number 2014-05 Petition for Jurisdiction Over a Renewable Facility by Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

#### **Background**

On November 6, 2014, Michael Genest (Chairman Board of Selectmen), John Roberts (Selectman) and Gordon Webber (Selectman), sent letters on behalf of Antrim Board of Selectmen, requesting that the Committee assert jurisdiction over the review, approval, monitoring, and enforcement of compliance in the planning, siting, construction, and operation of a renewable energy facility proposed to be located in the Town of Antrim, Hillsborough County and developed by Antrim Wind Energy, LLC.

On November 26, 2014, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (Petitioner), filed a Petition for Jurisdiction Over a Renewable Energy Facility (Petition). The Petitioner proposes to site, construct, and operate 9 wind turbines capable of generating 3-3.3 MW for a total nameplate capacity of 27-29.7 MW (Facility). The Facility is proposed to be located in the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire, on the Tuttle Hill ridgeline spanning southwestward to the northeastern slope of Willard Mountain. The Facility will be located in the rural conservation zoning district and highway district on private lands owned by five landowners and leased by the Petitioner. The Petitioner asserts that the Facility's configuration and location will be significantly similar to the Facility reviewed and denied by the Committee in Docket No. 2012-01, Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility Proposed to be Located in Antrim, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. The Petitioner claims that the Committee has already asserted its jurisdiction over the Project by asserting its jurisdiction over a similar project in Docket No. 2011-02. See Jurisdictional Order, Docket No. 2011-02, Petition for Jurisdiction Over Renewable Energy Facility Proposed by Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (August 10, 2011). In the alternative, the Petitioner asks the Committee to assert jurisdiction over the Facility so that the Petitioner can file a full Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility required for construction and operation of the Facility.

Further information regarding the Petition and the proposed Facility is available at the Office of the Secretary to the Committee, Jane Murray, located at:

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Public Information and Permitting Unit 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302

or at the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.

#### **Authority for Hearing**

The Committee's authority to hear and determine the Petition is set forth at RSA 162-H:2, XII and RSA 162-H:4, I and N.H. Code of Administrative Rules Site 203.01.

#### **Intervention and Public Comment**

Any person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file a motion to intervene on or before January 23, 2015. Motions to intervene should comply with the requirements of N.H. CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Site 202.11. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed by January 30, 2015. Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, III, written public comment on the Petition will be accepted through the conclusion of the proceedings.

### **Prehearing Conference**

A prehearing conference in this matter will be held on January 30, 2015, at 10 a.m. All persons moving to intervene in this proceeding shall attend the prehearing conference. Counsel to the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, will preside at the prehearing conference. The prehearing conference will be held at the Offices of the Public Utilities Commission, located at:

Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street #10 Concord, NH 03301

#### ORDER AND NOTICE

**It is hereby ordered,** that the Site Evaluation Committee for the state of New Hampshire, will conduct a Prehearing Conference for consideration of matter pending in the above referenced dockets on January 30, 2015, at 10 a.m. in Hearing Room A at the offices of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire; and,

It is hereby further ordered, that Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, shall cause a copy of this order and notice of Prehearing Conference to be published no later than January 9, 2015, in the New Hampshire Union Leader or New Hampshire Sunday News which are newspapers of regular statewide circulation. Antrim Wind Energy, LLC shall bear the cost of said publication; and,

It is hereby further ordered, that Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, shall cause a copy of this order and notice of Prehearing Conference to be published in an additional newspaper of regular circulation in Hillsborough County on or before January 9, 2015. In addition, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, shall publish display ads in both newspapers advising the public of the date, time, place, and subject matter of the Prehearing Conference in Docket Number 2014-05. Antrim Wind Energy, LLC shall bear the cost of said publication and advertisement; and,

It is hereby further ordered, that Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, shall file affidavits documenting the required publication of this order and notice on or before January 29, 2015.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this thirtieth day of December, 2014.

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman