STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

March 25, 2016

Docket No. 2015-02

Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Introduction

This Order establishes the procedural schedule for the balance of the adjudicative proceedings in this matter.

Background

On October 2, 2015, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (Antrim Wind), filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee). Antrim Wind proposes to site, construct, and operate 9 Siemens SWT-3.2-113 direct drive wind turbines capable of generating 3.2 MW for a total nameplate capacity of 28.8 MW and associated civil and electrical infrastructure (Project). The Project is proposed to be located in the Town of Antrim on the Tuttle Hill ridgeline spanning southwestward to the northeastern slope of Willard Mountain (Site). The Project will be constructed primarily on the ridgeline that starts approximately 0.75 miles south of NH Route 9 and runs south-west, for approximately 2 miles. The Project will be located in the rural conservation zoning district on private lands owned by six landowners and leased by Antrim Wind. Antrim Wind seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction, and operation of the Project.

On October 20, 2015, pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, the Chairman of the Committee appointed a Subcommittee in this docket.

On November 18, 2015, the Subcommittee reviewed the Application and determined that it contained sufficient information for the Subcommittee to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H.

An Order accepting the Application was issued on December 1, 2015. A Procedural Order in this docket was issued on December 10, 2015.

A site visit was conducted on February 22, 2016.

Pursuant to the Procedural Order a prehearing conference was held on February 25, 2016.

A Report of Prehearing Conference and Recommended Procedural Schedule was issued on

March 2, 2016.

Procedural Order

The following procedural schedule shall apply for the balance of the adjudicative

proceedings in this docket:

- 1. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall propound data requests upon the Applicants on or before March 28, 2016;
- 2. The Applicant shall respond to data requests propounded by Counsel for the Public and intervenors on or before April 11, 2016;
- **3.** A technical session with Applicant's witnesses shall be conducted on April 25 and 26, 2016;
- 4. State agencies shall report progress, draft permits and draft conditions 150 days after acceptance of the application on or before April 29, 2016;
- 5. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall disclose expert witnesses, if any, and shall provide pre-filed testimony on or before May 23, 2016;
- **6.** The Applicants shall propound data requests on Counsel for the Public and intervenors on or before June 6, 2016;

- 7. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall respond to data requests on or before June 27, 2016;
- 8. A technical session with witnesses for Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall be conducted on July 12 and 13, 2016;
- 9. State agencies shall issue final permits and conditions, if any, 240 days from acceptance of the Application on or before July 28, 2016;
- **10.** Supplemental pre-filed testimony shall be due from all parties on or before August 15, 2016;
- 11. The parties shall file statements of stipulated facts and any other stipulations on or before August 29, 2016;
- 12. The final structuring conference shall be conducted on September 7, 2016; and
- **13.** The final adjudicative hearing (estimated time needed for hearing is 1-2 weeks) shall commence on or about September 12, 2016.

Unless otherwise ordered, all technical sessions, prehearing conferences and adjudicative

hearings in this docket shall be conducted at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21

South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

A copy of this Procedural Order shall be provided to the Applicant and to all parties in

accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.07.

SO ORDERED this twenty-fifth day of March, 2016 by the Site Evaluation

Committee.

Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer NH Site Evaluation Committee