

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-02

**Re: Application of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC
For a Certificate of Site and Facility**

July 28, 2016

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE, SITE INSPECTION,
AND FINAL ADJUDICATIVE HEARINGS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Site Evaluation Committee will conduct: (i) a Prehearing Conference on September 7, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH; (ii) a Site Inspection on September 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. beginning at the Antrim Town Hall, 66 Main Street, Antrim, NH; and (iii) Final Adjudicative Hearings beginning at 10:00 a.m., on: September 13, September 15, September 20, September 22, September 23, September 28 and September 29, 2016, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH.

Introduction

This Order and Notice schedules a prehearing conference, a site inspection, and a final adjudicative hearing.

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 each 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.

Prehearing Conference

Pursuant to RSA 541-A: 31,V, and the N. H. CODE OF ADMIN. RULES Site 202.10, a prehearing conference in this docket will be conducted on **September 7**, beginning at **11:00 a.m.**, in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire. All parties to the proceedings should attend the prehearing conference. A prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss, but are not limited to, consideration of the following:

- Offers of settlement;
- Simplification of the issues;
- Stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof, by consent of the parties;
- Limitations on the number of witnesses;
- Changes to standard procedures desired during the hearing, by consent of the parties;
- Consolidation of examination of witnesses by the parties;
- Scheduling; and
- Any other matters which aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

The Administrator for the Committee, Pamela G. Monroe, and Counsel for the Committee, Iryna N. Dore and Michael J. Iacopino, are designated to serve as the hearing officer(s) at the prehearing conference.

Site Inspection

Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.13, a Site Inspection in this docket will be held on **September 8, 2016**, starting at **9:00 a.m.**, and will begin at the Antrim Town Hall located at 66 Main Street in Antrim, New Hampshire. The Site Inspection

will proceed and include the following stops: (i) Black Pond, Windsor; (ii) Franklin Pierce Lake, Hillsborough; (iii) Farmstead Road, Antrim; (iv) Salmon Brook Road, Antrim; (v) Loveren Mill Road, Antrim; (vi) Reed Carr Road, Antrim; and (vii) return to the Antrim Town Hall.

All parties and intervenors in this docket may attend the Site Inspection. In order to arrange for transportation, Intervenors wishing to attend the Site Inspection shall notify Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator of the Site Evaluation Committee, via telephone ((603) 271-2435) or by e-mail (pamela.monroc@sec.nh.gov), no later than August 19, 2016.

Members of the public may attend the Site Inspection at their own risk and expense. However, the Subcommittee may limit the extent of public participation in order to assure the safety of the Subcommittee, the parties, and the public.

Final Adjudicative Hearing

Final Adjudicative Hearings will be conducted beginning at **10:00 a.m.**, on each of the following dates: **September 13, September 15, September 20, September 22, September 23, September 28, and September 29, 2016**, in Hearing Room A, at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

The adjudicative hearing is an evidentiary hearing that is open to the public.

At the conclusion of the evidentiary portion of the proceeding the Subcommittee may deliberate on the merits of whether to grant or deny a Certificate of Site and Facility.

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee will conduct a prehearing conference on **September 7, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire;

It is hereby further ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee will conduct a Site Inspection on **September 8, 2016,** starting at **9:00 a.m.** at the Antrim Town Hall located at 66 Main Street in Antrim, NH.

It is hereby further ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee will conduct Final Adjudicative Hearings beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the following days: **September 13, September 15, September 20, September 22, September 23, September 28, and September 29, 2016,** in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this twenty-eighth day of July, 2016.



Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee