



April 11, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: NH Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I was made aware of a recent filing by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (“IBEW”) in the above referenced matter. Specifically, the IBEW cites from my April 2014 testimony submitted to the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee (*IBEW Exhibit 1, Linowes Testimony on SB 245, April 7, 2014 p3*) regarding SB 245. SB 245 addressed important concerns relative to the NH Site Evaluation Committee and energy siting.

I am concerned that my testimony as cited by the IBEW may have been taken out of context. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my statements.

The IBEW is correct that I fully supported increasing the timeframe for when the SEC must issue or deny a certificate for an energy facility. My 2014 testimony pertained to my experiences as an intervenor on several large wind energy applications where the timeframe was only eight (8) months.¹ There were repeated instances where the SEC voted to extend the time on several wind energy dockets.

Establishing the 365-day deadline did not mean that all projects before the SEC would require that much time. Many could be addressed in much less time. By that same token, the statute has always recognized there would be circumstances when more time was needed. There is no point in my 2014 testimony where I address when, during the adjudicative process, it would be appropriate for the SEC to consider requests to change the docket schedule.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide clarity to my comments. If you have any questions regarding this letter or our prior motion, please contact Lisa Linowes at (603) 838-6588 or by email at llinowes@windaction.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Linowes

¹ Renewable energy projects have an expedited deadline for decision within 240 days, or 8 months (RSA 162-H:7 and H:4).