

1                                   **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

2                                   **SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

3   **February 19, 2019** - 9:02 a.m.  
4   Public Utilities Commission  
5   21 South Fruit Street Suite 10  
6   Concord, New Hampshire

7                   **IN RE:    SEC DOCKET NO. 2019-01**  
8                                   **ANTRIM WIND ENERGY, LLC:**  
9                                   **Motion to Modify Certificate**  
10                                   **of Site and Facility.**  
11                                   **[Prehearing conference]**

12                   **PRESENT:                                   SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE:**

13   Michael J. Iacopino, Counsel for the SEC  
14   *(Presiding as Presiding Officer)*

15   *Also Present for the SEC:*

16   Pamela G. Monroe, SEC Administrator  
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23                   COURT REPORTER:   *Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52*  
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**APPEARANCES:**    **Reptg. Antrim Wind Energy, LLC:**  
Barry Needleman, Esq. (McLane...)  
Jack Kenworthy

**Reptg. the Town of Antrim:**  
John Robertson, Selectman

**Reptg. Counsel for the Public:**  
K. Allen Brooks, Esq.  
Senior Asst. Attorney General  
N.H. Attorney General's Office

**P R O C E E D I N G**

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2 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: We will  
3 open up the prehearing conference in Docket  
4 Number 2019-01, Antrim Wind Energy, Motion to  
5 Modify Certificate of Site and Facility. There  
6 is an agenda that's floating around out there.

7 Why don't we start off with  
8 identifying those folks who are here. We'll  
9 start with you, Mr. Needleman.

10 MR. NEEDLEMAN: Barry Needleman,  
11 representing Antrim Wind. And to my right is  
12 Jack Kenworthy, from Antrim Wind.

13 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: And behind  
14 you, from the Town of Antrim?

15 MR. ROBERTSON: John Robertson, a  
16 Selectman.

17 MR. BROOKS: Allen Brooks, Counsel  
18 for the Public.

19 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Okay.  
20 Nobody else is in the room. And we will go  
21 through the agenda.

22 Pretty much everybody here has been  
23 to prehearing conferences before, so I know  
24 that you understand the purposes of a

1 prehearing conference. Not a lot of people  
2 here today, so maybe we can make this one  
3 fairly short.

4 And I guess I would turn to Counsel  
5 for the Public, in terms of the present  
6 Application that is pending. There is a notice  
7 of adjudicative hearing scheduled for February,  
8 February 26th. That's coming quickly to us.

9 And so, I guess the question is, do  
10 we have any real dispute amongst the parties  
11 that have appearances in this case?

12 MR. BROOKS: I don't think so. I  
13 would like the opportunity to, if the Applicant  
14 is okay, just to talk to DES, to make sure I  
15 understand how the impacts were evaluated.  
16 It's a minor impact project. So, it's not --  
17 it shouldn't cause any concerns. But I'd just  
18 like to make sure that I've done my due  
19 diligence and make sure I'm familiar with  
20 everything that they have done.

21 MR. NEEDLEMAN: Sure.

22 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: And what  
23 does the Applicant think of that?

24 MR. NEEDLEMAN: No concerns.

1                   PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Okay. Do  
2                   you anticipate any amendments to your  
3                   Application?

4                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: No.

5                   PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Okay.  
6                   What about discovery? Can we leave discovery  
7                   to the parties to deal with, understanding we  
8                   have that date scheduled?

9                   MR. BROOKS: Yes. Discovery  
10                  shouldn't be anything other than seeing the DES  
11                  file. So, I think it's fine.

12                  PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: I assume  
13                  then we don't have any expected motions at this  
14                  point?

15                  MR. BROOKS: No.

16                  PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Okay. How  
17                  long do you expect the hearing to last?

18                  You've prefiled your direct testimony  
19                  already.

20                  MR. NEEDLEMAN: I guess the primary  
21                  issue is what does Allen have in the way of  
22                  questioning and what will the Committee have  
23                  that will really drive it.

24                  MR. BROOKS: Certainly won't be long.

1 Do you want to schedule it for an hour?

2 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Okay. Any  
3 other issues, Mr. Brooks, that you think we  
4 might need to address here today?

5 MR. BROOKS: No.

6 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Mr.  
7 Needleman?

8 MR. NEEDLEMAN: I have a couple of  
9 binders here with our exhibits, if either of  
10 you want them before you.

11 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Have they  
12 already been filed or --

13 MR. NEEDLEMAN: Yes. Everything is  
14 in the record.

15 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Okay.

16 ADMIN. MONROE: Should we mark them  
17 or premark them?

18 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Have you  
19 premarked them for --

20 MR. NEEDLEMAN: Yes.

21 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: All right.  
22 Why don't we take them, so we know what's  
23 marked.

24 *(Presiding Ofcr. Iacopino and*

1                   *Admin. Monroe conferring.)*

2                   PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: All right.  
3                   Mr. Needleman, Pam is going to check with the  
4                   Committee members to see if they would like  
5                   paper copies or can live with the electronic  
6                   copies that we already have. She'll let you  
7                   know if we need additional paper copies prior  
8                   to the hearing.

9                   MR. NEEDLEMAN: Okay.

10                  PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Any other  
11                  business?

12                                 *[No verbal response.]*

13                  PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Anything  
14                  from the Town?

15                                 *(Mr. Robertson indicating in the*  
16                                 *negative.)*

17                  PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: No? Thank  
18                  you. Anything else you think we should raise?

19                  MR. BROOKS: Nothing else.

20                  PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Pam.

21                  ADMIN. MONROE: The only thing I have  
22                  is the hearing is going to be in Hearing Room  
23                  B, over here *[indicating]*, because there's  
24                  another hearing in here on that day. So, FYI.

1 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Thank you.

2 ADMIN. MONROE: The hearing is going  
3 to be in Hearing Room B.

4 MR. ROBERTSON: Oh. Okay.

5 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: So, John,  
6 if you go out this door, and just walk across  
7 the hallway, there's another hearing room,  
8 smaller, it's right there.

9 MR. ROBERTSON: Okay.

10 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: Okay.

11 ADMIN. MONROE: Okay.

12 PRESIDING OFCR. IACOPINO: And we are  
13 done. Thank you very much.

14 ***(Whereupon the prehearing***  
15 ***conference was adjourned at***  
16 ***9:08 a.m.)***

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