

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2019-02

Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility

December 23, 2019

PROCEDURAL ORDER

I. Background

On October 18, 2019, Chinook Solar, LLC (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) seeking to site, construct and operate a 30-megawatt (MW) solar energy generation facility and associated civil and electrical infrastructure (Project) in Fitzwilliam in Cheshire County. The proposed Project will be located on approximately 513 acres south of NH State Route 119, east of NH State Route 12, and west of Fullam Hill Road.

The Application and all related information is available on the Committee's website at: <https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2019-02/2019-02.htm> and can also be reviewed during business hours at the office of the Site Evaluation Committee, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord.

On November 8, 2019, a Subcommittee was appointed in this docket. On December 17, 2019, the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H. The purpose of this Order is to establish a procedural schedule so that this docket may proceed in accordance with the requirements of RSA 162-H.

II. Public Information Session

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-a, the Applicant is required to hold at least one public information session in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. The public information session in this docket is scheduled for:

When: January 15, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Fitzwilliam Town Hall
13 Templeton Turnpike
Fitzwilliam, NH

A formal order of notice for publication shall be issued and the Applicant shall publish the notice in accordance with RSA 162-H;10, I-a.

Counsel to the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, and the Administrator, Pamela G. Monroe, are hereby designated as the presiding officers of the public information session. The Applicant shall present information regarding the Project and provide an opportunity for questions and comments from the public. The presiding officers will explain the process that the Subcommittee will follow in reviewing the Application.

III. Public Hearing

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-c, the Subcommittee is required to hold at least one public hearing in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. A public hearing in this docket is scheduled for:

When: February 20, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Fitzwilliam Town Hall
13 Templeton Turnpike
Fitzwilliam, NH

A formal order of notice for publication shall be issued and the Applicant shall publish the notice in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I-c.

The public hearing is a joint hearing, with representatives of the agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be deemed to satisfy all

initial requirements for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to the environmental impact.

IV. Motions to Intervene

Any person seeking to intervene in this docket shall file a written motion to intervene demonstrating how his or her rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding on or before **January 17, 2020**. Motions to intervene shall comply with RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Admin R., Site 202.11. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed on or before **January 27, 2020**. All motions and objections shall be sent via e-mail to the most updated service list on the Committee's website at the link provided above. *See* Site 202.07.

Written public comments on the Application will be accepted through the pendency of the proceeding and prior to closing the record. *See* RSA 162-H:10, III. Written comments may be sent via first-class mail to the Committee's address above, or via e-mail to Pamela Monroe, Administrator, at: pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov.

V. Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on **February 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH. The prehearing conference is a proceeding where the parties to the proceeding may discuss issues including, but not limited to: the conduct of discovery and technical sessions; offers of settlement or agreement on any issue; methods to simplify the issues in dispute; stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof, by consent of the parties; consolidation of examination of witnesses by the parties; and any other matters that may aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

Representatives of the Applicant, Counsel for the Public, and the intervenors shall attend the prehearing conference. To the extent that motions to intervene have not yet been ruled on, the parties seeking intervention shall attend the prehearing conference. All participants have the right to be represented by legal counsel, at their own expense, throughout the proceedings.

Counsel for the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, and the Administrator, Pamela G. Monroe, shall serve as the hearing officers at the prehearing conference.

SO ORDERED the twenty-third day of December 2019.



Dianne Martin, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee