STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2019-02

Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility April 2, 2020

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This Order establishes the procedural schedule for the adjudicative proceeding in this docket.

I. Background

On October 18, 2019, Chinook Solar, LLC (Chinook) 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 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.

On November 8, 2019, a Subcommittee was appointed in this docket. On December 17, 2019, the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application was administratively complete. *See* RSA 162-H:7, VI.

On December 23, 2019, the Presiding Officer issued a Procedural Order scheduling a prehearing conference on February 11, and a public hearing on February 20, 2020. The Subcommittee conducted a site visit on February 20, prior to the public hearing.

At the prehearing conference, the parties agreed in principle to the terms of a prehearing process. On March 2, 2020, a Report of Prehearing Conference was issued, directing the parties

to commence discovery in accordance with the proposed procedural schedule submitted at the prehearing conference.

On January 8, 2020, the Town of Fitzwilliam (Town) filed a petition to intervene. On February 5, an Order was issued granting the Town's petition to intervene without limitation.

II. Procedural Order

The following procedural schedule shall apply for the balance of the adjudicative proceedings in this docket:

- 1. Technical sessions with the Applicants witnesses will be held on April 8 at 9:00 a.m., and if needed, on April 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.;¹
- 2. State agencies shall report progress, draft permits and draft conditions within 150 days after acceptance of the application or no later than May 15, 2020;
- 3. Counsel for the Public and the Town shall submit prefiled testimony no later than June 2, 2020;
- 4. The Applicant shall submit data requests to Counsel for the Public and the Town on or before June 16, 2020;
- **5.** Counsel for the Public and the Town shall respond to the data requests on or before June 30, 2020;
- 6. A technical session with Counsel for the Public and the Town's witnesses will be held on July 13 at 9:00 a.m., and if needed, on July 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.;
- 7. Supplemental prefiled testimony shall be submitted by all parties on or before July 28, 2020;
- 8. State agencies shall issue final permits and conditions, if any, 240 days from acceptance of the Application or no later than August 13, 2020;
- 9. The parties shall file statements of stipulated facts and any other stipulations on or before August 28, 2020;

¹ The technical sessions are a form of discovery. *See* Site 202.12(l). The technical sessions will be conducted via WebEx due to the current State of Emergency. Members of the public that wish to listen via phone should contact Pamela Monroe no later than April 7, via e-mail at pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov or via phone at 603-271-2435.

- **10.** The final prehearing conference will be held on September 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.; and
- 11. The final adjudicative hearing (estimated time needed for hearing is 3 days) shall commence on or about September 9, 2020, subject to the availability of the Subcommittee. A notice of the adjudicative hearing will be issued at a later date.

SO ORDERED this second day of April, 2020.

Dianne Martin, Presiding Officer

Site Evaluation Committee