# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

#### Docket No. 2019-03

# Antrim Level LLC Petition for Declaratory Ruling or, in the Alternative, Motion for Expedited Approval of Change in Ownership Structure

September 25, 2019

# ORDER AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND PETITIONS TO INTERVENE

## I. Background

On March 17, 2017, the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) issued an order granting a certificate of site and facility with conditions to Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (AWE). On February 15, 2019, the Committee issued an order approving the transfer of ownership interests in AWE from Walden Green Energy Northeast Wind, LLC and Walden Antrim, LLC to Antrim Level, LLC in SEC Docket No. 2018-03.

On September 17, 2019, Antrim Level LLC filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling or, in the Alternative, Motion for Expedited Approval of Change in Ownership or Ownership Structure (Petition) and requested the appointment of a three-member subcommittee (Subcommittee). The Petition asks the Committee to determine that tax equity financing, referenced in Docket No. 2018-03, does not constitute a change in the ownership structure of AWE. Alternatively, the Petition requests that the Committee approve the proposed tax equity financing as a change in ownership structure. On September 23, 2019, an Order was issued appointing a Subcommittee.

The Petition and all related information is available on the Committee's website at: https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2019-03/2019-03.htm and can also be reviewed during

business hours at the office of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH.

#### II. Intervention and Public Comment

Any person seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit a written motion demonstrating how his or her rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding on or before **October 4, 2019.** Motions to intervene shall comply with RSA 541-A:32 and the N.H. CODE OF ADMIN. RULES Site 202.11. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed by **October 11, 2019**. All motions and objections shall be sent via electronic mail to the most updated distribution list on the Committee's website at the link listed above.

Written public comments on the Petition will be accepted through the pendency of the proceeding and prior to closing the record. 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.

### III. Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on **October 18, 2019, at 1:00 p.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 docket 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; changes to standard procedures during the hearing, 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 AWE, Counsel for the Public, if one is appointed, 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 for the Committee, Pamela G. Monroe, shall serve as the hearing officers at the prehearing conference.

## IV. Public Hearing

Public hearings and deliberations on the Petition will be scheduled subject to the availability of the Committee. A scheduling notice will be issued at a later date.

#### IV. Publication

Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, shall cause a copy of this Order and Notice to be published no later than **September 27, 2019**, in the *New Hampshire Union Leader*, and as soon as publication schedules permit, in one or more additional newspapers having a regular circulation in both Hillsborough and Cheshire County. The Petitioner shall file an affidavit documenting such publication with the Administrator on or before **October 4, 2019**.

SO ORDERED this twenty-fifth day of September, 2019.

Kathryn M. Bailey, Presiding Officer

Site Evaluation Committee