

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2021-02

Investigation of Complaints  
Regarding Antrim Wind Energy Facility

April 2, 2021

**ORDER APPOINTING SUBCOMMITTEE**

On March 17, 2019, the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) granted a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) for the construction, operation, and ultimate decommissioning of a wind energy facility in Antrim, NH (Facility). This facility began commercial operations on December 24, 2019. Since commercial operations began, the Committee has received multiple complaints that the facility is not in compliance with all of the terms and conditions contained in its Certificate.

As the Committee currently lacks an administrator, the Committee voted to have complaints investigated by a three person subcommittee. The Committee also voted to have this subcommittee report back to the Committee with recommendations regarding whether the terms and conditions of the Certificate are being met. The Committee further voted to have the subcommittee, as a threshold matter, examine the applicable administrative rules and recommend to the Committee the appropriate sound measurement analysis to be used in reviewing noise complaints.

RSA 162-H:4-a, III, provides that the chairperson of the Committee may establish a subcommittee of three members in certain circumstances. Such a subcommittee assumes the role of and is considered the Committee, with all its associated powers and duties in order to execute the charge given it by the chairperson.

In order to ensure that the terms and conditions of the certificate are met, I hereby appoint the following subcommittee:

1. Robert Scott, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services;
2. Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner, Department of Transportation; and
3. George Kassas, Public Member (selected by random draw under RSA 162-H:4-b).

The Subcommittee established by this Order is charged with the following:

- (1) Reviewing the law, administrative rules, the Facility's Certificate, and all other relevant filings related to noise limits and sound measurement methodology. The Subcommittee shall forward a written recommendation regarding the appropriate methodologies for measurement and analysis of

sound, and procedure for validating noise complaints to the full Committee no later than April 23, 2021;

(2) Reviewing and investigating complaints filed through December 31, 2021, regarding Facility operations to ensure the terms and conditions of the Certificate are being met; and

(3) Making recommendations to the full Committee regarding the disposition of such complaints.

In addition to its recommendation regarding sound measurement and methodology, the Subcommittee shall provide periodic reports to the full Committee, no less frequently than once a quarter, with the first such report submitted to the Committee on or before June 1, 2021.

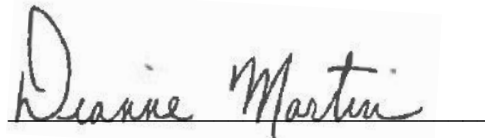
Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or designee, shall serve as the presiding officer for the Subcommittee.

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-b, if at any time the public member of the Subcommittee must recuse himself for good cause, or is not otherwise available for good reason, I will replace the public member using the random draw procedure established on March 13, 2019.

State agency members of the Subcommittee intending to designate pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, II must do so in writing. Please submit designations by April 7, 2021.

The complaints, orders, and all other public filings related to this Subcommittee shall be made available on the Committee's website: [www.nhsec.nh.gov](http://www.nhsec.nh.gov).

SO ORDERED, this second day of April, 2021.

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Dianne Martin  
Chairwoman  
Site Evaluation Committee