

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**SEC DOCKET NO. 2021-\_\_**

**Joint Petition of BAIF U.S. Renewable Power Holdings LLC, Freshet Wind Energy LLC  
and Tusk Wind Holdings III, LLC for Approval of the Transfer of BAIF U.S. Renewable  
Power Holdings LLC's Membership Interests in BAIF Granite Holdings LLC  
and the Transfer of Freshet Wind Energy LLC's Membership Interests in  
Granite Reliable Power, LLC to Tusk Wind Holdings III, LLC**

**PREFILED TESTIMONY OF GERARD NOSTRA  
ON BEHALF OF TUSK WIND HOLDINGS III, LLC**

**May 3, 2021**

1 **Qualifications of Gerard Nostra**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Gerard Nostra. My business address is 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach,  
4 Florida 33408.

5 **Q. Who is your current employer and what position do you hold?**

6 A. I am employed by NextEra Energy Project Management, Inc., an affiliate of NextEra  
7 Energy Resources, LLC ("NEER"), as a Wind Regional General Manager.

8 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities, including those that relate to its subsidiary**  
9 **Tusk Wind Holdings III, LLC.**

10 A. Tusk Wind Holdings III, LLC is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy  
11 Partners, LP ("NEP") and NEP is a party to a Management Services Agreement ("MSA") under  
12 which operational, management, and administrative services are provided to NEP through NEER  
13 affiliates. The Wind Generation Team (see Organizational Chart attached as part of Appendix D  
14 to the Joint Petition which is the subject of this docket), including Wind Regional General

1 Managers and their teams, provide support to NEP pursuant to that MSA. In my role as a Wind  
2 Regional General Manager, I am responsible for the Year 1 Transition team which includes  
3 accountability for transitioning new and acquired wind generation sites to the wind portfolio to  
4 meet or exceed standard operating practices.

5 **Q. Please describe your educational background and work experience.**

6 A. I have been in my current position as a Wind Regional General Manager since 2009. In  
7 that position I have responsibility for the safe and reliable daily operation of wind turbine power  
8 generating facilities, associated equipment and personnel that are part of NEER, which as noted  
9 below has a significant portfolio of wind generating assets. A copy of my complete resume is  
10 included as Attachment 1.

11 **Q. Have you previously testified before this Committee?**

12 A. I have not previously testified before this Committee.

13 **Purpose of Testimony**

14 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

15 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide information to the Site Evaluation Committee  
16 (“SEC” or “the Committee”) demonstrating that Tusk Wind Holdings III, LLC has the technical  
17 and managerial capability to operate the Granite Reliable Power wind energy facility, a 99-  
18 megawatt (“MW”) wind-powered electricity generating project located in Coos County, New  
19 Hampshire (“GRP Facility”), in continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of its  
20 certificate of site and facility.

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1 **Qualifications, Experience and Management Structure of Tusk Holdings and NEP**

2 **Q. Please describe the qualifications and experience of Tusk Wind Holdings III, LLC**  
3 **and NEP in operating wind energy facilities similar to the GRP Facility.**

4 A. As mentioned above, Tusk Wind Holdings III, LLC is an indirect wholly-owned  
5 subsidiary of NEP, and NEP is a party to a Management Services Agreement (“MSA”) under  
6 which operational, management, and administrative services are provided to NEP through NEER  
7 affiliates. NEER is the world’s largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and the sun  
8 and through its affiliates, operates and manages approximately 18,000 MW of wind across 20  
9 states in the U.S. and 4 provinces in Canada. NEER first entered the wind generation business in  
10 1989 with the acquisition of several existing wind projects in Southern California and today  
11 operates approximately 126 wind projects that are comprised of more than 9,800 wind turbines,  
12 including similar Vestas turbines at four other projects.

13 **Q. Please describe how Tusk will monitor the operations of the GRP Facility.**

14 A. The operations of the GRP Facility will be monitored through utilization of NEER’s  
15 Renewable Operation Control Center (“ROCC”), which will be used to optimize performance  
16 and control the GRP Facility’s operations. The ROCC is staffed with North American Electric  
17 Reliability Corporation Certified Transmission System Operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a  
18 year. The ROCC will monitor real-time performance of the GRP Facility and remotely detect  
19 any abnormal operating conditions. In addition, regional operations and maintenance staff will  
20 provide support, as necessary, for any planned maintenance and/or unplanned outages.

1 **Q. Please describe the qualifications and experience of Tusk’s operations and**  
2 **maintenance staff or contractors/consultants that will provide technical support to the**  
3 **GRP Facility.**

4 A. Experienced operations and maintenance managers oversee the operations of all wind  
5 sites. Local wind technicians support the maintenance and trouble-shooting initiatives for the  
6 network of wind turbines throughout NEER’s fleet. All wind technicians are trained, skilled and  
7 experienced in operating and maintaining wind turbine technology, and receive both on the job  
8 training and opportunities for specialized training at a centralized training facility in Iowa.  
9 Managers and local wind technicians are supported by a centralized maintenance team and  
10 environmental staff. All sites also have remote support from the around-the-clock Renewable  
11 Operations Control Center.

12 **Q. Please describe the organizational structure for the management of the GRP**  
13 **Facility.**

14 A. Operational, management, and administrative services will be provided to the GRP  
15 Facility through a MSA with NEER affiliates. The organizational structure and relevant personal  
16 are provided in the organization chart in Appendix D to the Joint Petition. The basic  
17 organizational reporting structure for the GRP facility will be: Vice President of Wind Operation  
18 – Northern Region (Jonathan Bain), Wind Regional General Manager (Gerard Nostra), Wind  
19 Site Manager, and site level Wind Technicians.

20 **Q. Please describe the qualifications and experience of Tusk, its executive personnel**  
21 **and/or contractors (if any) to manage the operation of the GRP Facility.**

1 The Vice President of Wind Operation -Northern Region, Jonathan Bain, and his team are  
2 responsible for overseeing over 80 wind facilities generally covering the Northern half of the  
3 United States and all of Canada. NEER, through its affiliates, has been a material owner and  
4 operator of wind facilities for over 20 years and continues to grow its wind fleet every year.

5 **Conclusion**

6 **Q. In your opinion, will Tusk have the requisite technical and managerial capability to**  
7 **assure the operation of the GRP Facility in continuing compliance with the terms and**  
8 **conditions of its certificate of site and facility?**

9 A. Yes. In my opinion, based on the testimony provided above and based on the  
10 information provided in the Joint Petition, it is my opinion that Tusk satisfies the criteria of RSA  
11 162-H:16, IV(a) and N.H. Admin. Site 301.13(b) and (c), and therefore has the requisite  
12 technical and managerial capability to operate the GRP Facility in continuing compliance with  
13 the terms and conditions of the facility's certificate of site and facility. In addition, I would note  
14 that an SEC Subcommittee recently determined that another NextEra subsidiary, Chinook Solar,  
15 LLC, met the technical and managerial capability requirements of RSA 162-H:16, IV(a). *See*  
16 *Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility*, SEC Docket No. 2019-  
17 02, Order and Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions (Dec. 17, 2021), p. 2.

18 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

19 A. Yes.

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#### CAREER SUMMARY

Experienced manager with over 30+ years of the day to day operations of Combined Cycle, Simple Cycle, Renewable power generating facilities.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

##### **Wind Regional General Manager**

*NextEra Energy Resources, Juno Beach  
March 2009 to Present*

Responsible for the safe and reliable daily operation of Wind Turbine Power generating facilities and associated equipment, personnel and

##### **Plant Manager**

*NextEra Energy Resources  
Doswell Power Park, Hanover Co. Virginia  
July 2003 to March 2009*

Responsible for the safe and reliable operation of a Combined Cycle and Simple Cycle dual fuel gas turbine power station.

##### **Various Leadership and Technical Positions**

*Florida Power and Light Company  
September 1987- June 2003*

Held various positions of Technical, Operational and Maintenance responsibilities in fossil power plants, combined and simple cycle gas turbine technologies.

#### OTHER NOTIBLE EXPERIENCE

**Licensed**- U.S. Merchant Marine Engineering Officer of  
Steam and Diesel powerplants of unlimited horsepower  
1982-1992

**U.S. Naval Reserve Officer -Lieutenant**  
1982-1994

##### **Six Sigma Black Belt**

#### EDUCATION

**Calhoon M.E.B.A Engineering School** – Marine Engineering (Baltimore, Maryland)