

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2022-01

TOWN OF LEMPSTER

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

April 4, 2022

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On February 16, 2022, the Town of Lempster (Town) filed a petition for a declaratory ruling pursuant to Site 203.01. The SEC chair appointed a subcommittee and designated a presiding officer by order dated February 28, 2022. Avangrid Renewables, LLC and Lempster Wind, LLC; and Kevin and Debra Onnella filed motions to intervene. By order dated March 31, 2022, the presiding officer granted both motions.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Because the petition is now contested, the Subcommittee will treat the matter as a contested case and hereby commences an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:31, I. Proceedings are governed by the Site Evaluation Committee statute (RSA 162-H) and administrative rules (Site Part 200 *et seq.*). To the extent the Committee's statutes and rules do not address an issue of policy or procedures, the Subcommittee shall rely upon RSA 541-A and Jus Part 800 *et seq.*

SCHEDULE: Pursuant to RSA 541-A, V(b) and Site 202.10, the presiding officer hereby schedules an in-person prehearing conference as follows:

Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM EST

**Place: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301**

In accordance with N.H. Code of Administrative Rules Site 103.04 and Site 202.10,

Michael Haley, Counsel to the Committee, will serve as presiding officer for the prehearing conference.

SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS: Pursuant to Site 202.07(c)–(d), service of all documents related to this proceeding shall be made by electronic mail, unless a party does not have the ability to serve documents by electronic mail, in which case service shall be sent via first-class mail to:

The Clerk's Office
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301

ISSUES PRESENTED: This prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss issues that may include, but are not limited to:

- offers of settlement or agreement on any issue;
- methods to simplify the issues in dispute;
- stipulations or admissions as to the issues of fact or proof by consent of the parties;
- changes to standard procedures by consent of the parties
- and any other matter that may aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

See RSA 541-A, V(c). The Petitioner and intervenors shall attend the prehearing conference.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE: Routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting admin@sec.nh.gov or (603) 271-2435. Any other communications with the subcommittee must be in writing and filed as provided above. *Ex parte* communications are specifically forbidden by law. See RSA 541-A: 36.

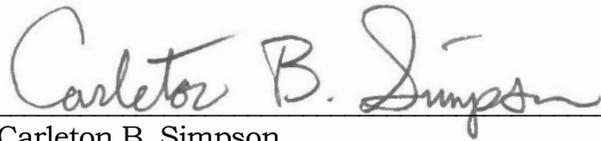
CONTINUANCES: Pursuant to Site 202.17, if you are unable to appear at any scheduled hearing or prehearing conference, you must request a continuance from the subcommittee and it shall be granted if the presiding officer determines that the proposed

continuance will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and assist in resolving the case fairly under Site 202.17(b).

RECORDING: Pursuant to RSA 541-A:31, VII, a recording of the prehearing conference shall be made and preserved. Any party to the proceeding may request a transcript of the proceeding, provided that the cost of such transcription shall be at the requesting party's own expense.

All prior consistent orders remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED this fourth day of April, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carleton B. Simpson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Carleton B. Simpson
Presiding Officer
Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission