

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING**

May 24, 2021 at 1:30pm

The following Committee members were present as confirmed through roll-call:

Chairwoman Dianne Martin;  
Vice-Chairman Robert Scott;  
Commissioner Kate Bailey;  
Commissioner Dan Goldner  
Commissioner Victoria Sheehan;  
Director Wilfred Arvelo, as designee for Commissioner Taylor Caswell;  
Michael York as designee for Commissioner Sarah L. Stewart;  
Susan Duprey, Esq., Public Member;  
George Kassas, Public Member;  
Thomas Eaton, Alternate Public Member<sup>1</sup>;  
Robert Baines, Alternate Public Member; and  
Lisa Noe, Alternate Public Member.

Also present:

J.D. Lavalley, Assistant Attorney General;  
Michael Haley, Attorney, NH Department of Justice;  
Michael Iacopino, retained counsel for post-certificate matters involving Antrim Wind, LLC; and  
Corrine Lemay, Public Utilities Commission.

The New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee meeting was held by remote access due to COVID-19 concerns. Chairwoman Martin called the meeting to order. Chairwoman Martin found that, due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Committee was authorized to meet electronically. She confirmed the Committee was utilizing WebEx for the electronic meeting; all members of the Committee had the ability to communicate contemporaneously during the meeting using this platform; and the public had access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, to participate.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Eaton had technical issues but could hear and see throughout the meeting. He did not participate in votes until after he was able to be heard.

The following public meeting agenda items were addressed:

- 1. Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2021 Meeting – Motion to Approve as drafted** – Roll Call Vote (Mr. Eaton did not participate due to technical issues) – Unanimous.
- 2. Updates on administrative matters.**

Introduction of new Site Evaluation Committee member Commissioner Dan Goldner from the PUC. Chair Martin provided an update, regarding reinstating funding of the Administrator position by the Senate Finance Committee. Chair Martin also provided an update on creation of the general public meeting distribution list and ongoing work to make the SEC website more user friendly for the public.

- 3. Seacoast Reliability Post-Certificate Work**

Discussion of ongoing reports filed with the Committee related to the Seacoast Reliability docket and other issues, including regarding stone walls in Durham. Briefing from legal counsel regarding the Committee's ability to retain consultants, particularly counsel, to review incoming filings and reports and keep the Committee apprised of issues and recommended actions. Counsel noted that the Certificate and the statute authorize the Administrator or Chair to retain technical, legal or administrative support to fulfill the functions of the Committee and to charge those costs to the Applicant. So moved by Mr. Baines. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous (Mr. Eaton did not participate).

- 4. Eversource Notice of Maintenance Work on the A111 Transmission Line**

Committee discussion of the notice received from Eversource regarding work to be done on the A111 transmission line and concerns regarding the project from a member of the public. Legal counsel provided an explanation of applicable law and Committee history on what is a sizable change. The Committee discussed the prior response by the Chair and whether any additional response was necessary. The Committee asked questions of the representative of Eversource in attendance, Erik Wilson and as well as Marguerite a member of the public, Marguerite Francis, who were in attendance. The Committee discussed and decided to confer with counsel before taking any further action

**5. Committee discussion of rulemaking to establish formal complaint process and form.**

The Chair gave an overview of the need for a formal process to be established so complaints will be filed and addressed in a consistent manner and so standard information can be provided by the Complainant. It was discussed that administrative rules and the establishment of forms will also make it clear to the investigative subcommittee when something is filed as a complaint. The Committee discussed and agreed that rulemaking should occur.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair.