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Commissioner Virginia Sheehan
Presiding Officer
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: SEC Docket No. 2021-02
Investigation of Complaints
Regarding Antrim Wind Energy Facility
Process Proposal**

Dear Commissioner Sheehan:

On April 2, 2021, the Site Evaluation Committee (“SEC”), through its Chairwoman, Dianne Martin, issued an Order Appointing Subcommittee (“Order”). Among other things, the Order directed the Subcommittee to “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.” The Order also directed the Subcommittee to “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.”

As an initial matter, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC (“Antrim Wind”) seeks clarification of the deadlines set out in the Order. If the SEC intends that April 23, 2021 be the deadline for the Subcommittee’s final interpretation of the SEC’s sound rules, Antrim Wind is concerned that the Subcommittee does not have sufficient time to review “the law, administrative rules, the Facility’s Certificate, and all other relevant filings related to noise limits and sound measurement methodology” and issue a written recommendation. Furthermore, as a practical matter, Antrim Wind understood from the SEC’s deliberations on March 25, 2021, that it intended to seek expert assistance for the investigation, which will presumably take some time for the Subcommittee to arrange. Finally, Antrim Wind believes that it would be helpful to the investigation if it were able to present its arguments in an appropriate manner to the Subcommittee and that as the certificate holder, moreover, it should be afforded such an occasion.

In light of the important issues before the Subcommittee and their complexity, Antrim Wind proposes that the first Public Meeting convened by the Subcommittee be conducted as an informal working session in the nature of a prehearing conference. Accordingly, Antrim Wind suggests that, to the extent the Subcommittee holds a Public Meeting on or around April 23,

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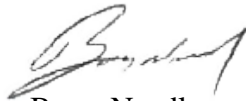
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2021, that it focus during the Public Meeting on setting the parameters of its investigation and establishing the schedule and process for formulating a recommendation to the SEC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Needleman", written in a cursive style.

Barry Needleman

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Enclosures