

Dear Senators,

This morning you were wondering how long it took New Hampshire to do their rule making process. It looks like they spent over 2 years. So, the amount of time that the Public Service Board is asking for is not unreasonable.

In December, 2015, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ('SEC') adopted new rules governing the siting of energy projects in the state, including wind energy facilities. The new rules represent the culmination of 2+ years of intense focus by stakeholders with widely varying interests. In that time, the SEC conducted months of hearings and deliberative sessions, all open to public, where thousands of pages of detailed comments were debated and ultimately distilled down to standards intended to better quantify the data presented by applicants, reduce subjectivity and lead to more informed, and more consistent decisions on energy facility siting.

Respectfully,

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