ACT 250 NOTICE APPLICATION 2W0394-4 PREHEARING CONFERENCE 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111

On August 17, 2021, Hitchcock's Firewood, LLC filed an Act 250 application for a project generally described as the use of an existing permitted commercial/industrial property for an outdoor firewood processing business. Processing is proposed for an existing paved parking lot, and does not involve the use of existing buildings on site. Logs are proposed to be cut and split into firewood using portable equipment. The project is located at 3992 Route 121 East in Cambridgeport, Vermont. This project will be evaluated by the District 2 Environmental Commission in accordance with the 10 environmental criteria of 10 V.S.A., § 6086(a). A copy of the application and plans are available for review online at the Natural Resources Board website (http://nrb.vermont.gov) by clicking on "Act 250 Database" and entering project number 2W0394-4.

Pursuant to Act 250 Rule 16, the Commission is convening a prehearing conference ("PHC"). A PHC is designed to identify the parties and the issues. The PHC will be followed by the issuance of a Prehearing Conference Report and Order ("PHCRO"), which may prescribe any filing requirements, preliminary party status rulings, and the scheduling of a merits hearing.

Pursuant to Vermont statute and Act 250 Rules, any person seeking to participate as a party to this proceeding MUST make such a request "on or before the first prehearing conference." Accordingly, all prospective parties must attend the PHC scheduled below, or file a written party status petition (including email address, street address, and mailing address) in advance with the Commission at NRB.Act250Springfield@vermont.gov. Failure to timely appear at the PHC, or to timely file a written request by the date of the PHC might result in the forfeiture of your rights relative to this matter.

Pursuant to Act 250 Rule 20, the Applicant is ordered to make the proposed wood splitting equipment available onsite during the PHC for a live demonstration of the equipment in operation.

The prehearing conference shall be held on Monday November 8 at 9:30 AM at the project site. This PHC will be conducted outdoors. Please dress for the weather. Participants should arrive prepared to observe equipment operations from both onsite and nearby offsite locations. The property is located 500 feet east of the intersection of Route 121 and Route 35/Athens Road in the village of Cambridgeport. Attendees should park in the warehouse parking lot.

If you would like further information regarding this PHC, please contact the State Coordinator (see below) by no later than November 5, 2021. If you have a disability for which you need accommodation in order to participate in this process (including participating in a public hearing, if one is held), please notify us as soon as possible.

Dated this 18th day of October 2021.

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