

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

McLane complaint re: Georgia Mountain	)	
Community Wind, LLC wind electric generation	)	Case N0. 18-1040-INV
Facility in Georgia, Vermont, turbine operation	)	
In icing conditions on April 15, 2018	)	

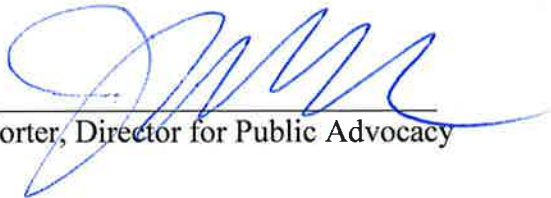
RESPONSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

The Department of Public Service ("Department"), with apologies for the lack of timeliness, provides the following response, as requested by the Public Utility Commission ("PUC") in its Procedural Order of April 20, 2018, in response to the April 15, 2018, email of Melodie McLane.

Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC ("GMCW") has provided data that demonstrates that, approximately thirty minutes after Ms. McLane complained of noise at the GMCW site on April 15, 2018, the turbines were "automatically placed in pause mode" and remained shut down for approximately 21 hours thereafter. GMCW asserts that it was operating in compliance with its revised Winter Operating Protocol ("WOP"). The Department has no reason to dispute the assertion of GMCW, however, the timing of the call from Ms. McLane and the subsequent shut down of the turbines, does create a question as to whether the trigger values associated with the WOP are appropriately calibrated. That said, the Department has been informed by counsel for GMCW that it will be making a supplemental filing in this matter. Accordingly, the Department would request that the parties have an opportunity to submit supplemental comments after GMCW files additional information.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of May, 2018.

Vermont Department of Public Service

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