

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

McLane complaint re: Georgia Mountain	)	
Community Wind, LLC wind electric generation	)	Case No. 18-1040-INV
Facility in Georgia, Vermont, turbine operation	)	
In icing conditions on April 15, 2018	)	

COMMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

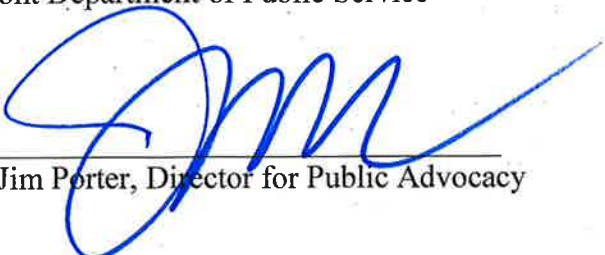
The Department of Public Service ("Department") provides the following comments, as requested by the Public Utility Commission ("PUC") in its Procedural Order of May 16, 2018, in response to the supplemental response filed by Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC ("GMCW") on May 14, 2018.

In its May 14, 2018 filing, GMCW provides data that indicates declining wind speed and power data for the relevant time periods on April 15, 2018, and that the turbines automatically went into pause mode at approximately 4:00 p.m. GMCW also asserts that the Revised Winter Operating Protocol ("Revised WOP") was followed and that its MET equipment is regularly calibrated. While the Department remains sympathetic to the issues raised previously by the McLanes regarding the operation of GMCW, we find no cause for further investigation into the current complaint of April 15, 2018. Though requested by McLane when making the complaint, the Department does not necessarily find that GMCW violated a condition of its Certificate of Public Good by not making a return call to McLane when shutting down the turbines. The Department would, however, recommend in the future that return calls be made as required when complaints are lodged, irrespective of the resolution or request of the complaining party.

In conclusion, the Department agrees with GMCW that, as to the necessity of installing cameras, it would be appropriate to review the efficacy of the Revised WOP after GMCW submits its annual report which is due to be filed later this summer.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of May, 2018.

Vermont Department of Public Service

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