

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 17-2571-INV

Investigation pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections 30 and 209 into whether Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC, operated its wind electric generation facility in Georgia, Vermont, during icing conditions on January 3, 2017	
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Order entered: 08/20/2018

ORDER RE WINTER OPERATING PROTOCOL

On July 2, 2018, Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC (“GMCW”) filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) the first of its annual reports regarding its revised winter operating protocol.

On July 19, 2018, the Commission issued an order directing any parties to this proceeding who wished to file comments on GMCW’s report to file them by August 1, 2018.

No comments were filed on GMCW’s report.

GMCW’s report indicates that the revised winter operating protocol performed effectively and used conservative trigger values to determine times when the turbines would be shut down. The report states that the conservative trigger values used in the protocol likely caused the turbines to shut down even when conditions conducive to icing were not present. According to GMCW, the protocol prevented turbine operations during any icing events in the 2017-2018 winter season. GMCW states that the turbine shutdowns resulted in the loss of approximately 830,00 kWh of generation and \$91,000 in revenue.

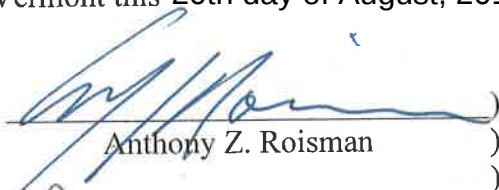
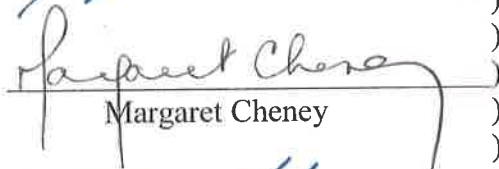
GMCW recommends that the trigger values used by the protocol in the 2017-2018 winter season remain in place for the 2018-2019 winter season so that GMCW can gather additional information to make any future recommendations regarding adjustments to the protocol’s trigger values.

We have reviewed GMCW’s report and find that the revised winter operating protocol operated as intended. Accordingly, we approve GMCW’s recommendation that the revised protocol remains unchanged for the 2018-2019 winter season. We will consider any

recommended changes made by GMCW when it files its second annual report on July 1, 2019, in the compliance subcase of Case No. 17-2571-INV.

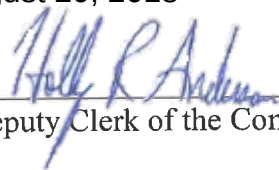
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 20th day of August, 2018

 Anthony Z. Roisman	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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 Margaret Cheney	)	COMMISSION
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 Sarah Hofmann	)	OF VERMONT

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Filed: August 20, 2018

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