

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: 12/16/2019

ORDER RE COMMENTS ON REVISED PROTOCOL

On August 24, 2017, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an order in this proceeding approving a revised winter operating protocol (“approved protocol”) for Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC’s (“GMCW”) wind electric-generation facility on Georgia Mountain. As part of that approval, the Commission required GMCW to file an annual report for the next five years identifying any icing events and explaining any adjustments made to the approved protocol during the prior winter.¹

On July 2, 2019, GMCW filed its second annual report pursuant to the Commission’s August 24, 2017, order. In that report, GMCW stated that the approved protocol was overly conservative and led to turbine shutdowns at times when no icing was actually present at its project site. As a result, GMCW stated that it would be filing a proposed revision to the protocol within 90 days.

On December 10, 2019, GMCW filed proposed revisions to the approved protocol that GMCW contends will make more accurate determinations on when to shut down its turbines under icing conditions.²

On December 16, 2019, Scott and Melodie McLane filed a request that the deadline for filing comments in response to GMCW’s December 10 filing be set well after the holidays so that they can take the time needed to learn about the revisions to the approved protocol that GMCW is proposing.

¹ Case No. 17-2572-INV, Order of 8/24/17 at 7.

² In response to GMCW’s filing, the Commission appointed me to serve as hearing officer to review the proposed revisions to GMCW’s protocol.

Comments in response to GMCW's filing are due by the close of business on January 6, 2019. Comments should include recommendations on what additional process, if any, is necessary for reviewing GMCW's proposal.

SO ORDERED.

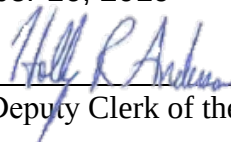
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of December, 2019.



John J. Cotter, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 16, 2019

Attest: 
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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