

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Docket 7250

Amended Petition of Deerfield Wind, LLC, for a certificate of public good authorizing it to construct and operate a 15-turbine, 30 MW wind generation facility, and associated transmission and interconnection facilities, on approximately 80 acres in the Green Mountain National Forest, located in Searsburg and Readsboro, Vermont, with 7 turbines to be placed on the east side of Route 8 on the same ridgeline as the existing GMP Searsburg wind facility (Eastern Project Area), and 8 turbines along the ridgeline to the west of Route 8 in the northwesterly orientation (Western Project Area)	
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Order entered: 2/12/2020

PROCEDURAL ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS

This case pertains to the amended certificate of public good (“Amended CPG”) issued by the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to Deerfield Wind, LLC (“Deerfield”) for construction and operation of a 30 MW wind electric generation facility located in Searsburg and Readsboro, Vermont (the “Project”).

On January 9, 2020, the Commission issued an Order finding the Project in compliance with the amended CPG and ordering Deerfield to select the next step in resolving the outside-to-inside noise reduction (“OINR”) testing issue.

In a filing dated January 31, 2020, Deerfield elected an additional round of sound monitoring by Cross-Spectrum Acoustics Inc. (“CSA”) in the fall of 2020.¹ The January 9 Order provides, “Should Deerfield select additional sound monitoring, the results will be reported applying the Part 2 Standard and the Part 3 Standard for comparison.”² Additionally, Deerfield requests that monitoring occur at Site C only. Deerfield also seeks clarification that “(i) CSA

¹ Letter from Andrew N. Raubvogel, Esq. to Judith Whitney, Clerk of the Commission, dated January 31, 2020 at 1.

² *Order Finding Project in Compliance with Amended CPG and Ordering Deerfield to Select Next Step in Resolving OINR Testing Issue*, Docket No. 7250, Order dated 1/9/20, at 11.

should remove from the data any period of microphone-height wind gusts that are greater than 4 to 5 m/s” and “(ii) at least one hour of valid data should be collected in order to calculate a one-hour L_{eq} for the purpose of determining whether OINR testing is required.”³

I request that the Vermont Department of Public Service, the WindAction Group, and Tom Shea file comments on Deerfield’s three requests regarding the additional sound monitoring by March 4, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

³ Letter from Andrew N. Raubvogel, Esq. to Judith Whitney, Clerk of the Commission, dated January 31, 2020 at 1.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 12th day of February, 2020



Steph Hoffman, Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: February 12, 2020

Attest: 

Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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