

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: 04/07/2020

PROCEDURAL ORDER REQUESTING ADDITIONAL 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 sound-level standard of 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 Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) and the WindAction Group and Tom Shea (“Windaction-Shea”) filed comments on Deerfield’s requests related to the additional sound monitoring.²

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

² *Department of Public Service Comments on Fall 2020 Sound Monitoring*, February 20, 2020; *Windaction-Shea Joint Comments in Response to Vermont PUC Order of February 12, 2020*, March 4, 2020.

In response to the Windaction-Shea comments, on March 9, 2020, I issued a procedural order requesting comments regarding the sound monitoring results at Site B. On March 23, 2020, Deerfield filed comments in response to the March 9 Order. The Department was granted additional time to consult with its acoustics consultant, Cross Spectrum Acoustics, in order to respond to the Commission's request by April 7, 2020.

On April 2, 2020, Mr. Gerald DeGray, the Site B resident, filed a comment letter regarding OINR testing at his home.

I request that the parties file reply comments addressing Mr. DeGray's filing as well as any other comments filed in response to the March 9 Order. These comments are due April 27, 2020. The Department can file its comments on this date, rather than on April 7, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 7th day of April, 2020.



Steph Hoffman, Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 7, 2020



Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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