

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7156

Petition of UPC Vermont Wind, LLC, for a Certificate of)
Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the)
construction and operation of a 52 MW wind electric)
generation facility, consisting of 26 wind turbines, and)
associated transmission and interconnection facilities, in)
Sheffield and Sutton, Vermont)

Order entered: 5/4/2006

ORDER RE INTERVENTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY VERMONT

Today's order addresses a motion to intervene filed by Renewable Energy Vermont ("REV") with the Public Service Board ("Board") on April 26, 2006. REV states that its "mission is to promote renewable energy and the renewable energy industry in Vermont." REV further states that its interest in this Docket relates to "its effects on wind energy development in Vermont."

On April 27, 2006, the Department of Public Service ("Department") filed a letter objecting to REV's intervention request on the grounds that it "does not believe that REV has properly identified a substantial interest in the proceeding in support of its request for party status and recommends the motion be denied." The Department also requests that, if the Board does grant REV's motion to intervene, that the Board remind REV that "testimony on technical issues must be presented by qualified witnesses" No other comments were received regarding REV's motion.

We conclude that REV has demonstrated a substantial interest sufficient to support its intervention in the case on a permissive basis, and can provide a perspective on the issue that is distinct from other parties. We have made this determination based upon the fact that REV's mission is to promote renewable energy projects, such as the project proposed in this Docket.

Consequently, we grant REV permissive intervention pursuant to Board Rule 2.209(B). However, because REV has demonstrated only a general interest in renewable energy projects, and not any particular interest in the site-specific aspects of this proposed project, we are limiting

its participation to issues related to Section 248(b)(2) (need for the project), and Section 248(b)(4) (economic benefit). We note that, although REV's participation is based on its general interest in renewable energy projects, this Docket concerns a specific project, and, consequently, any testimony or other filings on these issues should be germane to the project at hand. Also, as the Department correctly notes, any testimony on technical issues must be presented by qualified witnesses.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th day of May, 2006.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: May 4, 2006

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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