

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 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))

Order entered: 3/14/2016

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE COMMENT DEADLINE

On January 8, 2016, the Vermont Public Service Board (the “Board”) issued an order regarding compliance materials filed by Deerfield Wind, LLC (“Deerfield”) that were required by the certificate of public good (“CPG”) for the project. The Order required that Deerfield provide additional materials regarding the stormwater permits to Thomas Shea (“Mr. Shea”), who would then have two weeks to review the information and provide comments to the Board.

On February 29, 2016, Mr. Shea filed a request for an extension of his review and comment period to April 15, 2016. Mr. Shea also requested that he be provided with an electronic copy of the materials provided in hard copy by Deerfield.

On March 3, 2016, Deerfield filed a response to Mr. Shea’s request, requesting that the Board limit an extension of Mr. Shea’s comment deadline to March 18, 2016. Deerfield also represented that a CD containing an electronic copy of the materials was included in the package

delivered to Mr. Shea on February 23, 2016. In response to Mr. Shea's request of February 29, 2016, Deerfield provided Mr. Shea with another CD containing the requested information on March 2, 2016.

Based on our January 8, 2016, Order, Mr. Shea had two weeks from receipt of the information on February 23, 2016, or until March 8, 2016, to file comments with the Board. Deerfield states that Mr. Shea's request for an extension of the comment deadline to April 15, 2016, is an unreasonable and unjustified request. However, we note that Deerfield has at least one outstanding compliance filing to provide to the Board for review and approval before construction can commence, specifically its proposal for bear habitat mitigation that is required pursuant to Condition 11 of the Amended CPG.

Completion of our review of Deerfield's stormwater compliance filings, and review of the bear habitat mitigation proposal when it is received, will take some time to complete. Allowing Mr. Shea additional time to file comments on the stormwater materials is not expected to delay final pre-construction approvals that the Board must issue to Deerfield. Accordingly, the Board grants Mr. Shea a limited extension of the comment deadline until April 1, 2016.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of March, 2016.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: March 14, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Board

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