

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: 07/26/2022

ORDER CLOSING CASE

The Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) opened this case on March 10, 2017, to investigate a complaint that Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC (“GMCW”) had operated its turbines in violation of GMCW’s approved winter operating protocol (“WOP”). During the five plus years that this case has been open, the Commission imposed a civil penalty on GMCW in the amount of \$10,000 for violating the WOP by operating its turbines with ice on the blades on January 3, 2017, and approved modifications to the originally approved WOP. When the Commission approved the revisions to the WOP, it imposed a requirement on GMCW that it file an annual report on the effectiveness of the revised WOP for a period of five years.¹

On March 26, 2020, the Commission approved a trial period for the implementation of additional revisions to the WOP proposed by GMCW. The proposed revisions were intended to reduce the number of times that the turbines were shut down without ice actually being present on the turbine blades, while maintaining an effective shutdown protocol when ice was present.²

On June 28, 2022, GMCW filed its fifth and final annual report on the effectiveness of the revised WOP. According to GMCW, the revisions made to the WOP in 2020 have successfully curtailed the number of unnecessary turbine shutdowns without any incidents of turbine operation when ice was actually present. GMCW notes that it has not received any additional complaints from nearby residents since it implemented the revised WOP at the project site.

¹ Case No. 17-2571-INV, Order of 8/24/17.

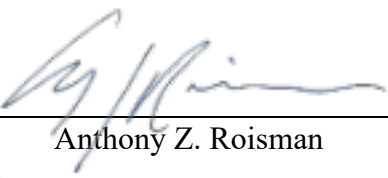
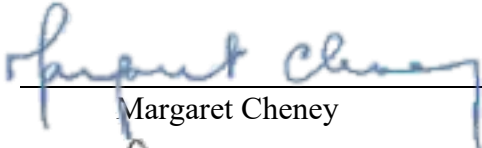
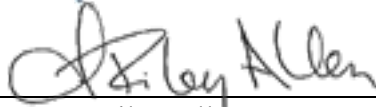
² Case No. 17-2571-INV, Order of 3/26/20.

No other party to this case has filed comments in response to GMCW's June 28, 2022, report.

Based on the contents of GMCW's fifth and final report on the effectiveness of the revised WOP and the lack of any response by other parties to this case, this case is closed.

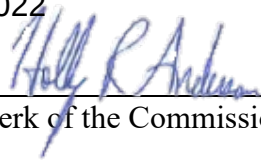
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 26th day of July, 2022.

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Anthony Z. Roisman	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney	)	COMMISSION
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J. Riley Allen	)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: July 26, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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