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to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the construction)
and operation of a 5 wind turbine electric)
generation facility with associated electric)
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY OF
CHARLES KNIGHT, Ph.D.**

**ON BEHALF OF
GEORGIA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY WIND, LLC**

March 26, 2009

Mr. Knight’s testimony describes his analysis under Section 248(b)(5) of Title 30, Vermont Statutes Annotated, of the potential impacts of the Georgia Mountain Community Wind Project upon archeological resources.

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1 **1. Introduction**

2 Q1. Please state your name and business address.

3 A1. My name is Charles Knight. My business address is: University of Vermont
4 Consulting Archaeology Program, 111 Delehanty Hall, 180 Colchester Avenue,
5 Burlington, Vermont 05405.

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7 Q2. By whom are you employed and in what position?

8 A2. I am an archaeologist employed by the University of Vermont Consulting
9 Archaeology Program (“UVM CAP”). My resumé is attached as Exhibit
10 Petitioner CK-1.

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2 **2. Summary of Assessment and Conclusion**

3 Q3. What is the purpose of your testimony?

4 A3. My testimony describes the results of the Archaeological Resource Assessment
5 conducted by UVM CAP to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed
6 Georgia Mountain Community Wind Project (“Project”) upon archaeological
7 resources. A copy of our report is included as Exhibit Petitioner CK-2.

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9 Q4. Please summarize your findings and conclusions regarding the Project’s potential
10 impacts upon archeological resources.

11 A4. UVM CAP performed an Archaeological Resource Assessment (“ARA”) of the
12 Project and did not identify any areas that are archaeologically sensitive for
13 precontact-era Native American archaeological sites. In addition, no historic
14 period archaeological sites were identified during the site inspection or through
15 historic background research. The proposed parcel contains large areas of steep
16 slope. The proposed access road, wind turbines, and transmission line alignment
17 all occur in areas that have either been disturbed by historic period activities, or
18 are located along non-sensitive slope. As a result, the proposed Project will have
19 no effect on significant cultural resources.

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21 Q5. Does this conclude your testimony at this time?

22 A5. Yes, it does.

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