

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7628

Joint Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation,)
Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Vermont)
Electric Power Company, Inc. for a certificate of public)
good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, to construct up)
to a 63 MW wind electric generation facility and)
associated facilities on Lowell Mountain in Lowell,)
Vermont, and the installation or upgrade of)
approximately 16.9 miles of transmission line and)
associated substations in Lowell, Westfield and Jay,)
Vermont)

Order entered: 11/19/2012

ORDER RE REVISED ATTACHMENT A TO DPS MOU

INTRODUCTION

On May 31, 2011, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order (the "Order") and Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") in this docket approving, subject to certain conditions, the construction and operation of the proposed wind electric generating facility (the "Project"). Among other things, the Order required the Petitioners to make a number of post-certification compliance filings. Condition 21 of the Order and CPG requires the Petitioners to file any revisions made to Attachment A to a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") and the Department of Public Service ("Department") for final determination by the Board that the interconnection alternative selected by GMP for the Project remains the least-cost alternative in light of any such revisions.¹ Attachment A to the MOU sets forth interconnection costs for the project based on six different interconnection alternatives.

1. Docket 7628, Order of 5/31/11 at 162. *See also*, Docket 7628, CPG issued 5/31/11 at 5.

On October 11, 2012, GMP filed a revised version of Attachment A to the MOU which reflects the addition of approximately \$10.5 million to the costs of the interconnection alternative selected by GMP for interconnecting the Project. The \$10.5 million in additional costs are associated with the installation of a Dynamic Reactive Device² ("DRD"); a requirement imposed by ISO-New England and subsequently upheld by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. According to GMP, even with the increased costs from installation of the DRD, the interconnection alternative selected by GMP to interconnect the Project remains the least-cost alternative among the six studied.³

On October 29, 2012, the Department filed comments in response to GMP's October 11 filing. The Department states that it has reviewed the filing and engaged in discussions with GMP staff on this issue, and has concluded that the chosen interconnection alternative for the Project continues to be the least-cost alternative, even with the additional costs associated with installing the DRD.⁴

Based on the information before us today, we conclude that the interconnection alternative that GMP selected for the Project remains the least-cost alternative among the six alternatives studied. Accordingly, we hereby accept the amendments to Attachment A of the MOU.

SO ORDERED.

2. The Dynamic Reactive Device will provide support for the power generated by the Project that is injected into the transmission system, mitigating impacts to that system.

3. Letter from Peter H. Zamore, Esq., to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated 10/11/12 and revised Attachment A.

4. DPS Comments at 1.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 19th day of November, 2012.

<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: November 19, 2012

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

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.