

August 28, 2013

From: Kevin McGrath  
595 Farm Road  
Lowell, Vt. 05847

To: Susan Hudson, Clerk  
Public Service Board  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, Vt. 05620-2701

RE: Docket # 7628 Show Cause Hearing Response Letter

Dear Ms. Hudson,

I am submitting this letter on behalf of myself as an abutter to the KCW project.

I would like to state the following comments/facts:

- I have experienced several noise levels that have exceeded the acceptable levels of decibels inside and outside my home. I am sure these violations regarding the dates and times have been forwarded to your office from Susan Paruch of the DPS. Please keep in mind I am only physically in Vermont less than six months due to the nature of my work. There are times when these surges/spikes are above the 45 or 35 decibel levels for short periods of time waking guest in my home and creating an intrusion to the enjoyment of my home. I have also suffered from sleep deprivation and bouts of depression.
- GMP does not have a solid protocol in place for sound violations for those living in close proximity of the project? One has to ask "Has GMP ever reached out to the public via mailings, local news papers to encourage the public input regarding noise violations in the spirit of their transparency"?
- Whereas GMP has never operated the turbines at 100% for any appreciable amount of time, there is no solid data to prove the noise levels will be in compliance with the accepted levels as indicated in the CPG.
- Please refer to the lease agreement between Ben Wileman (Moose Mountain LLC) and GMP as recorded in the Lowell, Vt. Town records. Book 55 pages 12-81 as recorded July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Which stipulates the GMP as the grantee will be held harmless to noise levels emitted from the operation of the turbines. There is no mention of acceptable levels of operation.
- I question why GMP purchased my neighbors' home (the former Day residence) located 600 feet from my home two years ago for \$250,000 at \$20,000 above the appraised value? I have asked GMP on several occasions and have received no response. The current resident is employed by the wind turbine manufacturer Vestas and is surely experiencing the same noise intrusions that I am? Why has GMP not asked for his input?

From the above comments and facts I do not believe GMP has demonstrated and honest effort to bear the responsibility of operating a wind development of this magnitude. I urge the PSB to penalize GMP for all violations to the maximum fine and send a clear message that these violations will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,  
  
Kevin McGrath

