

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 7508

Petition of Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC, for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing the construction and operation of a 5-wind turbine electric generation facility, with associated electric and interconnection facilities, on Georgia Mountain in the Towns of Milton and Georgia, Vermont, to be known as the "Georgia Mountain Community Wind Project"	
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Order entered: 04/22/2024

**ORDER OPENING COMPLIANCE CASE IN ePUC AND
REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF THE CLERK TO RETAIN PARTY STATUS**

On June 11, 2010, the Vermont Public Utility Commission¹ (“Commission”) issued an order and certificate of public good (the “CPG”) in this case approving, subject to certain conditions, the construction and operation of an electric generation facility (the “Project”) by Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC (“CPG Holder”).² On November 9, 2012, the Commission issued an order and an amended CPG for the Project.³ These orders and CPGs imposed numerous conditions on the CPG Holder that have required and will continue to require various compliance filings with the Commission, some for many years into the future.

Since the time the November 9, 2012, order and CPG were issued, the Commission has transitioned from a hard-copy, paper-based filing and case-management system to an on-line, electronic filing and case-management system. This new system is known as ePUC. The transition to ePUC has been quite positive and has been effective in reducing the burdens on all parties, especially with respect to those resulting from the need to file multiple copies of

¹ Pursuant to Section 9 of Act 53 of the 2017 legislative session, the Vermont Public Service Board’s name was changed to the Vermont Public Utility Commission, effective July 1, 2017. For clarity, activities of the Vermont Public Service Board that occurred before the name change are referred to in Commission documents as activities of the Commission unless that would be confusing in the specific context.

² Order of June 11, 2010.

³ Order of November 9, 2012.

documents with the Commission and to serve hard copies of all filings on all parties to a case, which in some cases can be many.

When ePUC was implemented, the Commission determined that, because of resource constraints and challenges associated with importing extensive paper records into ePUC, nearly all cases that were pending at that time would continue to be processed under the older hard-copy, paper-based system. These cases are known as “legacy cases.” The Commission expected that the number of open legacy cases would decrease over time as final orders were issued in those proceedings.

While this has happened, many legacy cases, like Docket 7508, remain open because they require compliance filings over many years (in some instances, over the life of the project). Rather than continuing to require parties to file paper copies of compliance filings in those legacy cases for many years to come, the Commission has determined that it is appropriate to create new ePUC cases to enable those compliance filings and any comments on those compliance filings to be filed electronically via ePUC.⁴

Based on this decision, the Commission will open a new case in ePUC that will be assigned a new case number. Once the new case is opened, Docket 7508 will be closed. All future compliance filings required by the order and CPG issued in Docket 7508 and comments on them must be made in the new case. Inquiries or information about alleged compliance problems must also be filed in that case and the Commission will then determine whether a separate case needs to be opened to address any new issues that may arise.

All parties still on the service list in Docket 7508 can automatically become parties in the new case. However, some parties on the service list may no longer wish to participate in the remaining compliance matters. Therefore, the Commission directs all parties currently on the service list who wish to continue to participate in the remaining compliance matters to email the clerk of the Commission at puc.clerk@vermont.gov by the close of business on May 17, 2024. If you do not email the clerk of the Commission by that date, you will not be added to the new case’s service list and a motion to intervene will need to be filed and granted for you to obtain party status.

⁴ The Commission expects that it will take some time to complete this transition for all of the legacy cases that require compliance filings.

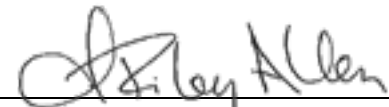
You must participate in the new case using ePUC unless one of the exceptions stated in Commission Rule 2.110 applies. Instructions for creating an ePUC user account can be found here: <https://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/create-epuc-user-account>. Instructions for how to make a filing using ePUC can be found here: <https://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/make-filing>. General information and guidance for using ePUC can be found here: <https://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information/epuc-help>. Additionally Commission staff are available to answer questions regarding the use of ePUC.

To request a waiver under Commission Rule 2.110(B) of the requirement to use ePUC, you can file the “Request for Waiver of Requirement to Use ePUC and Notice of Appearance” form that is available on the Commission’s website and from the Clerk of the Commission at 802-828-2358 or puc.clerk@vermont.gov.

When the service list for the new case is complete, the Commission will issue an order closing Docket 7508 and a separate order in the new case indicating that all compliance-related filings required by the order and CPG issued in Docket 7508 must be made in the new case from that date forward.

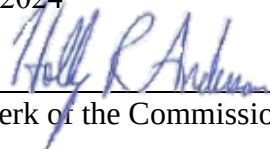
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of April, 2024.

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Edward McNamara	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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	)	OF VERMONT
J. Riley Allen	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 22, 2024

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

Notice to Readers: This decision is subject to revision of technical errors. Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Commission (by e-mail, telephone, or in writing) of any apparent errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made. (E-mail address: puc.clerk@vermont.gov)

Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 28 days of the date of this decision and Order.

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