

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: 6/16/2014

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE FILING DEADLINE FOR
SOUND MONITORING REPORTS

On May 16, 2012, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order in this Docket approving Green Mountain Power Corporation's ("GMP") revised proposed Noise Monitoring Protocol (the "Protocol") to be used for determining compliance with certain noise standards applicable to GMP's wind electric generating facility located in Lowell, Vermont (the "Project").¹

The approved Protocol requires GMP to conduct a series of sound monitoring sessions over the first two years of Project operations and to file with the Board a report detailing the results of those sound monitoring sessions within six weeks of the conclusion of each session.

On April 25, 2014, Board staff conducted a workshop to examine ways in which GMP could improve the formatting and presentation of the information contained in its sound monitoring reports. Participants at the workshop made numerous suggestions to GMP on how to make the sound monitoring reports more reader friendly and easier to understand.

1. Docket 7628, Order of 5/16/12 at 1-2.

On May 2, 2014, GMP filed its report on its Winter 2014 sound monitoring session. The report format reflected some changes proposed by GMP in advance of the April 25th workshop, but did not reflect any of the recommendations made during the workshop.²

On May 23, 2014, GMP filed a revised version of the report on the Winter 2014 sound monitoring session which reflected many of the comments made during the April 25th workshop. In the cover letter that accompanied the revised report, GMP asked that the deadline for filing its reports on the remaining quarterly monitoring periods be adjusted from six weeks to eight weeks to accommodate preparation of the additional amount of detail now included in the report's appendices as a result of the revisions.³

No party opposed GMP's request.

We have considered GMP's request and determined that it is reasonable. Extending the deadline for filing the remaining quarterly sound monitoring reports to allow GMP a brief period to compile the now more-detailed version of these reports is appropriate. While we grant GMP's request to extend the remaining deadlines by two weeks, we require GMP to file a summary of the results from each remaining monitoring session, including identification of any compliance issues from each session, within six weeks of the completion of each session.

So ORDERED.

2. Letter From Peter H. Zamore, Esq., to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated May 2, 2014.

3. Letter From Peter H. Zamore, Esq., to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated May 23, 2014.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of June, 2014.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 16, 2014

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.