

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: 5/1/2014

**PROCEDURAL ORDER RE EXTENSION FOR
FILING SOUND MONITORING REPORT**

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.

The report detailing the results of GMP's Winter 2014 monitoring session is due to be filed on May 2, 2014.

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 April 28, 2014, GMP filed a letter with the Board requesting that the Board extend the May 2, 2014, deadline for filing the Winter 2014 sound monitoring report until May 23, 2014, to enable GMP to fully address the changes recommended by participants at the April 25th workshop. GMP represents that it will file a summary of the results, and identify any compliance issues, for the Winter 2014 monitoring session on May 2, 2014. This proposal was raised and discussed by the participants at the conclusion of the April 25th workshop and no comments were voiced in opposition to this proposal.²

We have considered GMP's request and determined that it is reasonable. Extending the deadline for filing the Winter 2014 sound monitoring report for a brief period so that the Board, the parties and the public will be able to review a more accessible end product is an appropriate outcome. We grant GMP's request to extend the May 2, 2014, deadline for it to file its report on the Winter 2014 sound monitoring session until May 23, 2014, and direct GMP to file a summary of the results from that same monitoring session, including identification of any compliance issues from that session, no later than May 2, 2014.

So ORDERED.

2. Letter from Peter H. Zamore, Esq., to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated April 28, 2014.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1st day of May, 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: May 1, 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.