

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 8816

Petition of Swanton Wind LLC for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for the construction of an up to 20 MW wind-powered electric generation plant powered by up to 7 wind turbines located along Rocky Ridge in Swanton, Vermont	
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**MOTION TO EXTEND COMMENT DEADLINE**

On November 29, 2017, the Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) issued a procedural order requiring that any responsive comments to Swanton Wind, LLC’s (the “Petitioner”) November 27, 2017 notice of voluntary withdrawal and dismissal of its petition without prejudice be filed with the Commission by Monday, December 11, 2017. The Department of Public Service (the “Department”) hereby moves for the Commission to extend this comment deadline to Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

The Department intends to file substantive comments in response to the Petitioner’s November 27 filing. However, due to an illness, counsel for the Department has been unavailable and is not expected to return to work in advance of the Monday, December 11 deadline. Therefore, the Department requests that the Commission allow an additional two days for the Department to prepare and file its comments. The Department is mindful of the Commission’s July 14, 2017 Order regarding requests for deadline extensions and the Commission’s general requirement that such requests be filed three business days prior to an applicable deadline.<sup>1</sup> The illness to the Department’s counsel was an unanticipated occurrence and should constitute good cause for a short extension to the comment deadline. The Department

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<sup>1</sup> *Order adopting practice regarding requests for deadline extensions*, Order of 7/14/2017.

further notes that the pending deadline applies to comments filed in response to the Petitioner's own notice of withdrawal and that no other deadlines would be affected by the Department's request. Accordingly, none of the parties to this proceeding will be prejudiced by the short extension requested by the Department.

Wherefore the Department respectfully requests that the Commission grant an extension of the comment deadline from Monday, December 11, 2017, to Wednesday, December 13, 2017.


Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
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