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Re: Irasburg Meteorological Tower

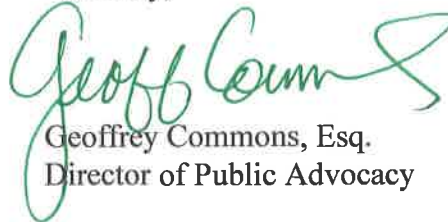
Dear Mrs. Hudson:

In response to the Board's September 4, 2015 memorandum the Department of Public Service investigated the claim made by the Irasburg Selectboard regarding an existing meteorological tower in Irasburg, Vermont. The Department consulted with David Blittersdorf (the tower owner) and his counsel Leslie Cadwell. We have also reviewed the letter recently filed with the PSB by Attorney Cadwell on Mr. Blittersdorf's behalf.

A review of the Department's records did not show issuance of a certificate of public good (CPG) to Mr. Blittersdorf for the Irasburg met tower. Based on that and on Ms. Cadwell's filing, the Department has concluded that Mr. Blittersdorf did not obtain a CPG from the Board prior to constructing the tower. Therefore, the Department recommends that the Board open an investigation into this matter, and provide Mr. Blittersdorf an opportunity to show cause why he should not be subject to penalties under 30 V.S.A. § 30. With respect to appropriate sanctions, the Department suggests that this question be held in abeyance until the facts of the matter have been elicited during the investigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please let me know if any additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,



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cc: Irasburg Selectboard
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