

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Affidavit 4

Docket 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)

AFFIDAVIT OF DENIS CHEVALIER

NOW COMES Denis Chevalier, and on oath does depose
and swear as follows:

1. My name is Denis Chevalier. I am 60 years old.
2. I live at 2908 south Brownell Rd. Williston, Vermont.
3. I am a member of Vermonters for a Clean Environment
and support VCE's mission.

4. I rely on VCE for information regarding development projects that may have an adverse effect on the environment and economy of Vermont.

5. I am aware that Swanton Wind has applied to the Vermont Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good to build seven industrial wind turbines on Rocky Ridge in Swanton.

6. I believe that Swanton Wind's activities will damage Vermont's environment and economy. Swanton Wind's stormwater discharges have the potential to damage Lake Champlain. I believe that Swanton Wind's activities will damage Vermont's natural beauty and, as a result, its economy.

7. I rely on a healthy Vermont economy to earn my livelihood as Water Well Contractor

3. I hunt, fish, swim, bird watch on Lake Champlain, Fairfield Pond, and Dubie Family Maple Sugar woods on the east side of Rocky Ridge.

8. Fairfield Pond, Dream Lake, as it's known, is a place of

pristine beauty. I have had the good fortune of enjoying its Sandy beach, swimming to the island, kayaking through the lilly pads and listening to the loons. I have enjoyed fishing and even helped with clean up efforts of some pesky milfoil invasive. Fairfield Pond is a true and reliable refuge to countless migrating water fowl. My wife's grandfather, Jerry McKenzie has owned land in and around the pond for decades. This same land is presently owned by Dubie Family Maple and other family members. They have always observed a keen practice of conservation and employing meticulous land management. The proposed wind turbine project is extremely short sighted, and even dangerous to the goings on the east ridge specifically. Additionally, It a known fact, the erosion implied with such a project will effect soil displacement and cause eutrophication to the pond that we simply cannot afford. We are outraged that such a plan is being considered, and that the voices of andowners, business owners, home owners and recreationists alike are being muffled in favor of myopic developers who will no doubt move on with deep pockets oblivious to the lasting irreparable damage caused to the local scene.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2017.

Dennis C. Cheval

Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of February, 2017.

Sharon B. Roy

Notary Public

My commission expires: 2/10/19

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