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**STATE OF VERMONT
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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 GERALD C. DUBIE

NOW COMES Gerald C Dubie, and on oath does depose and swear as follows:

1. My name is Gerald C Dubie.
2. My Date of Birth is May 5, 1958.
2. I live at 2 Pinnacle Lane, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
- 3.. I am a member of Vermonters for a Clean Environment and support VCE's mission.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. I rely on a healthy Vermont economy to earn my livelihood as the Facilities manager at G. S. Precision, a 58 year old company in southern Vermont.
7. 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. As a child I remember going up to Fairfield with my Grandfather, to check on the "logger". He used a team of horses to harvest timber for oak flooring. Gramp would explain to me how trees grew into lumber and it was our responsibility to manage the land. That thinning the trees made room for new growth in the wood lot, and that provided food for wildlife as well. I asked him why not cut all the trees at once and he said that that was called Clear Cutting and because we had a diverse woods that if was not a good idea. He wanted to keep a good mix of trees. I did not understand at the time but I do now.

I have enjoyed many years working the land, harvesting fire wood with my grandfather, tapping the sugar maples, sleeping out in a tent in the woods, and enjoying the call of the loons and the croaking of the tree frogs out by the beaver pond on Moose Swamp Road. I fear that many of these activities will change after the installation of the wind mills. I am sure that the quiet nights around the fire will be interrupted by the whack, whack, whack, of the propeller blades slicing through the air.

My family and I have been vacationing on Fairfield pond for many years. We take a week or two every year to enjoy the fishing, boating and swimming available to us. One of my most cherished memoires is when my son Patrick (he was about 6 years old at the time) caught a four pound small mouth bass. We still talk about that fish fifteen years later.

Since we moved out of state my family and I go to "the pond" five or six times a year for deer hunting, shooting trap, bird hunting, fishing, cutting fire wood, and just hanging out with family.

I believe that installing the Swanton Wind project will have a huge negative effect on Fairfield pond and that it will destroy a beautiful part of Vermont that we will never see again.

Although you can see by my address I live in Shelburne MA. I spend over ten weekends a year at "The Pond".

I moved out of the state 20 years ago because of the state of Vermont not having employment opportunities and was planning on moving back to build a retirement house on the

lot I own on the shore of Fairfield pond. The lot adjacent to my two brothers and my wife and I have been dreaming for years of retiring net to our family and best friends. Those plans are now on hold because of this wind project.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2017.



Gerald C Dubie
Name

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



Notary Public

My commission expires:

Clover Durno, Notary Public, State of Vermont
My Commission Expires February 10, 2019