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**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

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 PHILLIP E. MURDOCK

NOW COMES Phillip E. Murdock, and on oath does depose and swear as follows:

1. My name is Phillip E. Murdock. I am 57 years old.
2. I live at 150 Chapin Road, Essex Junction 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 environment and economy to earn my livelihood as a Pick-Your-Own Apple Orchard owner and operator. We are an Agri-tourism business. Our livelihood is directly impacted by Vermont's natural beauty and scenery.

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

9. I have spent many hours walking, hiking and working the Sugar woods along the East side of Rocky Ridge. It is indeed a special place. It is a classic Vermont forest, quiet and peaceful. It is a place that you can work hard and enjoy the peaceful serenity of a natural landscape. Whether it is listening to the wind blow through the trees or birds singing high above, there are few places left where you can experience such beauty. Erecting and operating massive wind mills along Rocky Ridge will change all of this. There will be no place for many miles around where a person will be able to escape the constant sound and visual presence of these towers. It will totally change the character of this beautiful forest. I believe that there are proper locations to place big wind projects however this is not one of them. I believe that the overall environmental impact of this project far exceeds any benefits. Rocky Ridge should not be destroyed for such meager gains onto our electrical grid.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2017.



Phillip E. Murdock

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 13th day of February, 2017.



Michelle Murphy-Ertle
Notary Public
My commission expires: 2/10/19

