

**State of Vermont Public Service Board**

Motion to Intervene Form

<b>Intervenor and Case Information</b>	
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<u>The Rule 2.209 Criteria</u>	
<p><b><u>Intervention as of Right</u></b> (this is uncommon, leave blank if not applicable to your situation)</p> <p>Please identify any statute, legal rule, or Board order that you think gives you a legal right to be a party in the case. If this right is conditional, please describe how you satisfy these conditions.</p>	
<p><b><u>Permissive Intervention</u></b></p> <p>Please describe all the interests you have that you think will be adversely affected by the outcome of the case. Please be as specific as possible. Attach additional sheets if necessary.</p>	<p>*see attached letter.</p> <p>30 V.S.A. § 248(b) (1) orderly development of the region;                      § 248(b) (4) economic benefit to the State and its residents;                      § 248(b) (5) public health and safety;                      10 V.S.A. §§ 6086(a) (1) (A), (B), and (C), (3), and (4) water pollution, conservation, and burden on water supply, § 248(b) (5) and § 6086(a) (8) scenic or natural beauty and aesthetics;                      § 6086(a) (8) (A) necessary wildlife habitat or endangered species;                      § 6086(a) (5) transportation.</p>

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Please state whether there are other ways to protect your interest(s) besides as a party participating in this proceeding. If there is no other way for you to protect your interests, please state this fact. Please also explain whether there is already a party in the case who has the same or similar interest(s) to be protected in the case.

There is no other way to protect my interests.

**Certification** This section may be completed by the intervenor or a duly authorized representative.

I certify that the information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name

Danielle Garrant

Signature



Date

2.12.17

## "If The Wind Turbines Come"

My family and I live on 1 Tremblay Rd. St. Albans, VT which is approximately 2500 feet from the nearest turbines. My husband and I have four children ranging in ages from nine months to thirteen years.

A typical day for us starts as follows: Homemade pancakes on our plates dripping with maple syrup, which was collected by our family in the wood behind my parent's house. My parent's house will be a mere 2000 feet from the nearest purposed turbine. With turbines come the potential of ice throw. We have made many memories collecting sap and enjoying the syrup from my parent's wood. If the turbines come- we could lose this.

Next, my husband sets off to work while the kids and I clean up and get ready to school. They do not go to school-they school at home. In the morning the sun rises above the scenic ridge behind our home. Turbines behind our home will cause shadow flicker throughout our home. Shadow flicker in the mornings could make it impossible to concentrate on school work. Homeschooling, though challenging, is a decision our family chose to be best. If the wind turbines come- we could lose this.

Come evening after a day of school and extracurricular activities our family prepares for a night of sleep and refreshment for the next day. Turbines cause infrasound and sound. The negative effects of the noise that comes from wind turbines would effect us both day and night. I don't need to tell you of the importance of a good nights sleep. We were informed at the February 9th public service board's workshop meeting that our home will be at 39 decibels, which I learned is categorized as, "distractingly loud". What will the decibels outside our home be? This will make a poor living and learning environment in our home and outside. A good nights sleep and a healthy learning environment-if the turbines come-we could lose this.

My family enjoys a plethora of outdoor activities-especially behind my parent's house. Literally my children's grandparents live over the hill and through the woods. We enjoy riding the four wheeled gator, ice-skating on their pond, collecting sap and watching wildlife. We especially like to spy deer and geese. If the wind turbines come-we could lose this.

It was also brought to our attention on Thursday, February 9th during the public service board's workshop meeting in Swanton that one of the green mountain power transmission lines that runs approximately 100 feet from our home, will be transmitting more power due to the Swanton Wind project. Martha Staskus stated there would be an increase in power, but she wasn't sure how much. We are concerned about the electromagnetic fields that will be emitted via these transmission lines. Unlike the direct effects of the turbines, ie. shadow flicker that may cause dizziness, we will be unable to determine the exact detrimental symptoms these EMFs could cause. Lets say one of my children starts to complain about headaches, we will always wonder if it could be due to the EMFs. Or God forbid, if one of my children come down with leukemia, we will wonder, but never know. We are also concenerned about the possibility of the lines being upgraded to accommodate such high amounts of power. Peace of mind-if the wind turbines come-we could lose this.

You see, if the wind turbines come-they will threaten the very fabric of our lives-from the smallest of details like the maple syrup on our pancakes to the health and well being of our children and their future. If the turbines come, our way of life could drastically change. What was once thought of as our safe haven where we do the majority of our living, potentially could become a place we try to avoid at all costs. If the turbines come, our safe haven could make us sick. It is obvious I am very concerned for our family's health and safety. As I am sure you would be too. While at a select board meeting, I asked Chris Recchia if he could guarantee that my children would not be harmed by the turbines. Chris Recchia stated no, that he could not guarantee that my children would not be harmed by the turbines. How is this in anyway acceptable?

You have the power to make a decision for our family and those around us that could save us from the potential turmoil that many find themselves in. This project is far too close to homes. These families are just as important as the others who may profit. We never signed our children up to be the sacrificial lambs. Please remember the proverbial saying when making your decision- to treat others the way you want to be treated. It is our sincere hope that you decide to save the fate of our family and those around us for this generation and

those to follow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danielle Garrant".A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ian Garrant".

Signed,  
Ian and Danielle Garrant

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 )

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

We, Brian and Penny Dubie, et.al., certify that on February 16, 2017, copies of the foregoing *Notices of Appearance*, and *Motion to Intervenes of Brian and Penny Dubie, Jeanne Royer, Judith and Patrick Luneau, Karen and Leo McLaughlin, Sally and Bruce Collopy, Kaye and Frank B. Mehaffey, Jr., Terrance Smith, David A. Goodrich, Robert Perkins, Patricia Messier, Sarah & Ed Ferguson, Ian and Danielle Garrant, Curtis Swan and Sara Luneau-Swan, Dan and Nancy Dunne, Erynn & Tyrell Boudreau, Dennis Hendy and Diane Bell, Mary and Mark Bushey, Steve Woodward, Kenneth Fox, Michelle and Luc Deslandes, David Butterfield, Bradley Stott and Jennifer Belanger, Clark and Carol Palmer, Paula Pearsall, Greg Pierce and Paula Kane, Mark and Marianne Dubie, Marie and Gil Tremblay, Patricia Rainville and John Smith, Kevin and Dolores Nichols, Jessica Decker and Lance Desautels, Suzanne Seymour, Mary Hunter, Todd Poirier* in the above-referenced matter, were served via First-Class U.S. Mail on the interested persons designated in the following Service List.

Respectfully submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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