

State of Vermont Public Service Board

Motion to Intervene Form

Intervenor and Case Information	
Case Number	8816
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The Rule 2.209 Criteria	
<p>Intervention as of Right (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>Permissive Intervention</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 for details</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 for me 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 Mark and Mary Bushey

Mark Bushey Mary H. Bushey Date Feb. 16, 2017
Signature _____

I, Mary H. Bushey, in support of the motion to intervene filed by myself and my husband, Richard (Mark) Bushey, subject to the penalties of perjury do hereby state the following facts which are true to the best of our knowledge and ability.

1. We are in a unique situation because, depending on the time of the year, we reside on either side (east and west) of this proposed project.
2. In the colder months, we reside at 2499 Highgate Road. Our mailing address is St. Albans, but our physical location is Swanton. The project would be visible and probably audible from our home which is at a lower elevation than the project. We have lived here since June, 1965. We chose to build here because of the surroundings. The quiet countryside of pastures and meadows were big factors in deciding to settle here. Construction of this proposed project would diminish the quality of the surroundings and intrude upon the visual and auditory harmony of our home.
3. We read the morning paper at our breakfast table in front of double windows which face the east. The sun is often coming up over the ridge as we read the news, other feature stories and pursue completing the various puzzles in the paper. Flicker from the proposed wind turbines would intrude on this enjoyable daily routine.
4. When weather is warm enough, we enjoy a second cup of coffee with the newspaper on our back deck. We are now retired and consider this practice a small reward for our many years of full time employment. This space is on the easterly side of the house, also. Flicker from the proposed project would interfere with our enjoyment of this activity. The industrial sized proposed turbines would intrude on the pastoral ambiance we so wish to enjoy.
5. These past decades we've considered the view of the ridgeline to be a special asset of our home. This feature will be degraded with the clearing for the road and seven turbines, especially in the forested areas.
6. Our water supply is a 515 feet -deep artesian well, which is a costly and core part to our home. With all the blasting to accommodate huge cement pads for this proposed seven turbine project, we fear this necessity could be compromised.
7. When the wind is blowing from the south east, we are concerned the noise from the turbines will particularly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of our Swanton property.
8. In the warmer months, we reside in our cottage at 535 Simonds Road, Fairfield Pond. The project would be visible and audible from our cottage, which is also at a lower elevation than the project. We would estimate our cottage is one-and-a-half miles from the project with one-half mile of that across water. We have spent the warmer months each year at our cottage along the easterly shore of Fairfield Pond since July 1973.

9. The view and peaceful surroundings are significant factors in our selection of this cottage instead of purchasing one on a larger and busier body of water. The early morning solitude of dropping a fish line into the still-as-glass water or slowly paddling a canoe through the reflection of continuous trees along the shoreline are some peaceful things we truly enjoy. The noise created by this project would intrude on the tranquility we wish to enjoy.
10. The prevailing southwest summer wind would push the noise from the proposed turbines across the surface of the pond. We have experienced this push of noise when visiting neighbors of another industrial wind farm.
11. We enjoy many hours floating on the water after dark seeking to identify various planets, constellations of stars and sometimes seeing shooting stars! Up to seven blinking red lights on turbines and shadow flicker from moonlight would diminish the enjoyment of being on the water at night.
12. Shadow flicker when the sun is setting in the late summer and autumn would degrade the enjoyment of that part our cottage experience should this project be constructed.
13. Thousands of geese each year fly back and forth over the pond and rise up over the ridgeline to access the cornfields on the other side. The proposed project would affect many of these geese.
14. We enjoy observing eagles (both golden and bald) ospreys, loons and blue herons feeding from the pond and flying over the ridge. Construction of this project would affect these magnificent birds!
15. We see Bats and hear many song birds who live and feed along the pond and fly over the ridge. We need these bats and birds to control insects. They face harm should this project be built.
16. We have been feeding hummingbirds every summer as do nearly every resident along the pond shore. There are multiple hummingbird families with nests in our trees which we enjoy observing feeding in our flowers as well as at the feeder. They even make use of the feeder as we are in the process of placing it back on the hanger after filling. We find them quite entertaining and there has to be a large population just on our shore with so many residents each having birds at their feeders.
17. We believe the Vermont Constitution guarantees us the right to enjoy our property.
18. Both of these homes are our investments, which we've continued to hold in spite of ever-growing property taxes and costly upkeep, as a hedge on possible nursing home costs in the future. We fear they would be devalued by the building of the proposed project.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of February, 2017.

By:

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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)

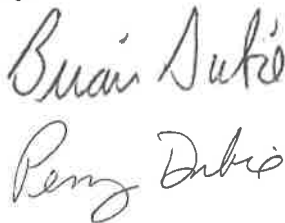
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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.

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