

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><u>Intervention as of Right</u> (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><u>Permissive Intervention</u></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>

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 Bradley Stott and Jennifer Belanger




Feb. 16, 2017

Signature _____ Date _____

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8816

Petition of Swanton Wind LLC

MEMORANDUM OF BRADLEY STOTT AND JENNIFER BELANGER
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO THE INTERVENE OF
BRADLEY STOTT AND JENNIFER BELANGER

We, Bradley Stott and Jennifer Belanger, in support of the Motion to Intervene filed by both Bradley Stott and Jennifer Belanger, subject to the penalties of perjury, to hereby state the following facts, which are true to the best of our knowledge and ability:

We reside on 4 Marcel Drive St. Albans. Our mailing address is St. Albans but our physical location is on the St. Albans/Swanton border. Our home would be less than 4000 feet away from the proposed project. The project would be visible and audible from our home which would be less than 4000 feet from the nearest turbine.

We have lived at this address since 2015 just purchasing the property on January 11, 2017 with no prior knowledge of the Swanton wind project. We purchased our home just outside the city, on the hill side because of the view and tranquility of the location. It has also been a lifelong dream to purchase a home in an area such as Lebel Drive/Marcel for the quietness and the beauty of nature. My family and I would not have bought this property if we knew turbines would be "in our backyard".

We enjoy spending time outside in the Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring. Activities such as hunting, hiking, biking, gardening, family Bar-B-Ques and exploring the outdoors all which would be diminished due to construction of this project. Noise from the wind turbines would greatly affect our ability to enjoy the outdoors as well as the privacy of our own home. We have worked extremely hard to have a home in such a peaceful neighborhood that our children could safely grow up in.

We would also have to deal with the effects of shadow flickers invading our home and property. Not only would it affect myself and my family but our cat and dog as well. It has been said that shadow flickers can make pets anxious and stressed along with making people sick.

The proposed project will also greatly affect our property value. Our plan moving into this home was to increase the value of our home while our children lived with us. Our children are young, 14 and 9 years of age. That would leave us about 10 years to increase the value of our home/property. We then would sell when our children are grown and out of the house. The proposed project will have a negative effect on the value of our property that we have worked so hard for.

We have a drilled well; the water flow comes from the ridge they will be blasting on. We currently have good water and a good flow rate. Construction of this project will put many tons of cement on the ridge and will change how water is displaced on the ridge, possibly affecting our flow rate and water quality. We have no other means of water except a drilled well. The blasting could also affect our foundation and could crack the walls in our basement due to the vibrations.

In the years we have lived here, we have had deer and turkeys that visit our property. While we take our nature walks through the sugar bush behind our home we have seen a variety of wildlife from geese, rabbits, bald eagles, hawks and enjoy the birds. Construction of this project would disrupt the habitat for the wildlife.

Bradley works for Hilltop Maple Sugaring. It is a concern for me and my family to be out in the woods during sugaring season while there are shadow flickers, throwing of ice and the noise. Shadow Flickers can worsen my motion sickness which could be dangerous while working the sugar bush. My children sometimes accompany me when I am working in the sugar woods and I would have concern for their safety for all of the reasons above.

As parents, we protect our children. The intrusive noise created from wind turbines would produce a noise that can cause continuous auditory sensory overload. Noise in the evenings can disturb their sleep which can result in behavior outburst, emotional issues and physical problems. Noise throughout the day can negatively affect their physical and mental well being. This would result in severe interruptions in our children's ability to concentrate & focus impact on their learning ability, memory language processing and cognition as well. We do not want to risk our children's health and learning development due to industrial wind.

We are sound sleepers; when awoken during their nighttime sleep cycle – in this case, by fluctuating sound or shadow flickers caused by the Project – we will have difficulty returning to sleep. Accordingly, the Project may significantly disrupt our ability to obtain necessary, restorative sleep.

There are 134 homes within a mile radius of this proposed industrial wind farm. Many of these homes have children. I ask, is it fair to expose our children to industrial wind for the sake of the power not being for Vermont and for the sake of pure greed? We all need to be held responsible for our decisions, and having an industrial wind farm near families isn't the proper place for a wind farm.

By:

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for Bradley Stott, and the bottom signature is for Jennifer Belanger. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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 16th day of February, 2017.

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