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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 SCOTT BALDWIN

NOW COMES Scott D Baldwin, and on oath does depose and swear as follows:

1. My name is Scott D Baldwin. I am 62 year's young.
2. I live at 132 North Prospect Burlington, VT 05401. I am a life-long Vermonter having been born in Brattleboro and emigrating to Northwest Vermont for college and livelihood. Franklin County and more specifically Fairfield and the environs around Fairfield pond have been my outdoor get away for over 30 years.
3. I am a member of Vermonters for a Clean Environment and support VCE's mission. I also support responsible renewal energy projects.
4. I have been following the Swanton Wind project and am aware they have 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 (as I stated above) in responsible renewable energy projects. From what I have learned the Swanton Wind's project is anything but responsible when Vermont's environment, property rights of abutting neighbors, and economy are taken into consideration. I am not a civil engineer but I have hunted and fished all around Fairfield and Fairfield pond. I appreciate wetlands and their important contribution to the environment. I have to believe the Swanton Wind's storm water discharge after building the infrastructure for seven huge wind

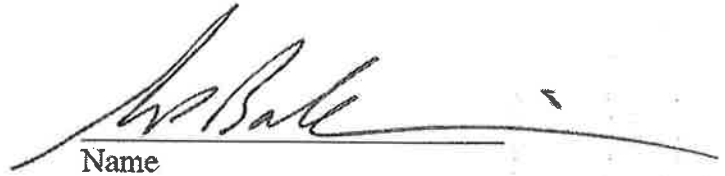
turbines is going to have a very detrimental impact on not only Fairfield Pond and the many wetlands in the area but also on Lake Champlain. In this time when the State and Federal Governments are talking about spending many millions to mitigate the assault on Lake Champlain from runoff I have a very difficult time understanding how the VPSB could issue a Certificate of Public Good for a project that will only negatively impact any efforts in that direction. Vermont and the Champlain Valley have two things that should never be assaulted for perceived economic gain, its natural beauty and its natural resources. A drive from Milton to St. Albans on I 89, observing the 4 wind towers on Georgia Mountain should be enough to convince anyone that we need less not more of these manmade scars on our ridges. Swanton Wind's proposal, placing 7 wind towers in Swanton, while providing a "little renewable energy", will only damage Vermont's natural beauty and serve to negatively impact our fragile economy which is dependent on that beauty.

6. I am a lifelong Vermonter. My father raised me hunting deer and birds, fishing, cross country skiing, hiking and always respecting our beautiful state. I remember the discussions around our dinner table about Act 250 and the billboard ban. Vermont's beauty and economic viability is what it is 46 years later because of the foresight of our political leadership back in the late 1960's. The negative consequences of destroying that beauty, scaring our landscape and thus our appeal to those visitors that are not as lucky as us to live in our state, will far outweigh the benefits of the power derived from a few wind turbines.


7. I consider myself very lucky to have white tail and grouse hunted and fished in the Rocky Ridge and Fairfield pond area for many years. I can't imagine what it might be like hunting or nature walking in the woods with 7 towers polluting the area with the sound of turbine blades turning or the bombing of the surrounding area with chunks of ice off those blades. I have been all over the USA and Europe and have seen many wind farms properly sited. In my humble opinion, Swanton and Rocky Ridge with the close proximity to people, ponds, and business enterprises is not a responsible place for this project.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I love Vermont and our way of life. Please don't approve this project.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2017.


Name

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


Notary Public
My commission expires: 02/10/2019