

State of Vermont Public Service Board

Motion to Intervene Form

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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;</p> <p>§ 248(b)(4) economic benefit to the State and its residents;</p> <p>§ 248(b)(5) public health and safety;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>§ 6086(a)(8)(A) necessary wildlife habitat or endangered species;</p> <p>§ 6086(a)(5) transportation.</p>

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Docket No. 8816

Petition of Swanton Wind LLC

**MEMORANDUM OF SUZANNE SEYMOUR
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF SUZANNE SEYMOUR**

I, Suzanne Seymour in support of the motion, intervened filed by myself and subject to the penalties of perjury, do hereby state the following facts which are true to the best of my knowledge and ability.

1.) I live at 448 White's Camp Rd., Fairfield, Vermont. My mailing address is the same. I am located approximately 1 1/2 miles from the proposed project of Swanton Wind, with 1/2 mile of that being water. We will be within visual and audible range of the turbines.

2.) My family and I have owned this property since 1971. We have a beautiful waterfront lot that would be looking directly at the turbines in the distance across the water. We chose this location because of its beauty, crystal-clear water, silence from the sounds and distractions of the city, and the abundant nature all around. We face the west sunset in the summertime over the water. I live here year round, but my brothers and sisters and I own this property in a joint trust. Altogether, there are up to 20 people here during the summer months, coming from Texas, New York and Florida to enjoy the sounds of silence and "get away from it all". We would all be directly affected if these turbines were to be installed.

3.) I'm very concerned about the sound and noise that will be produced from the seven turbines. As there is a half a mile of water between us, and knowing that sound travels over water, I am very concerned about my inability to be able to sleep in my home. As it is a post and pier cottage, without a foundation, any distinct sound would be noticed, especially if it were intermittent and loud. If there is even a car going by across the pond, or someone is laughing outside in a boat from a half a mile away, it can be heard. It will be even more noticeable with large industrial blades spinning producing an intermittent howling sound. And then there is the infrasound. Although "wind experts" often say there is no "real danger" to human health from these projects, according to my research, there are thousands upon thousands of complaints made across the globe from folks unfortunate enough to have a "wind farm" built near where they must lay their head. I am concerned for my health, as I have high blood pressure and I believe this is a real concern for myself and others that live on the Pond and on the ridge. I returned home to Vermont after almost 30 years away because of my health and needing to live a quieter, more stress-free life. I am concerned that the turbines will increase stress in my life, further complicating things for my body and the life I have chosen to start over again, here.

4.) Regarding the depreciation of the value of my home: Fairfield will get no money from Swanton Wind even though the residents will be directly affected and afflicted by this industrial project projected to be built here. There will be no way that our home will have the same value, since living on the water is a precious commodity and now will forever altered by seven industrial turbines rising 500 feet up that I will be looking at when the sun is setting over the water. This family home is our retirement income, and as it is all we have from our parents, we will be directly financially impacted.

5.) The shadow flicker of the spinning blades will reflect directly on the water of Fairfield Pond, where I spend an awful a lot of time swimming, kayaking, and just being out on the docks, during many seasons of the year. This will directly affect any leisure time I have to enjoy being outside. Kayaking on the water and the strobe effect could certainly impair my ability to navigate my boat correctly especially with wind and larger waves. As someone who works a full-time job and many long hours, then commuting back to Fairfield at the end of a long day, it is those precious hours at the end of my day that I dream about. This is why I moved back to my beautiful home state after almost 30 years away. The idea of living in tranquility and peace after being in the Boston area for so long was something I yearned to return to, my home from my childhood. I enjoy the night

sky and often swim in the evening/twilight hours. This activity will be altered with 7 red blinking lights blinking on and off while I try to unwind and exercise at my home. I enjoy sitting on the dock or in my rowboat in the afternoon, drinking an iced coffee or a cold beverage. I have 2 hammocks close to the waters edge to read and relax in while the sun hits me in the late afternoon. Shadow flicker will definitely cease this activity for me when the sun is starting its descent over the water.

6.) The excessive run off of water due to the impervious surfaces of the project will directly affect this waterway and those who use it; I am deeply concerned about the water quality, since Fairfield Pond and many other waterways in Vermont are some of the cleanest I have been privileged to be in in all of New England. Clean water is a sacred gift; not one we should be cavalier with. I swim in this water, and have since I was a young girl back in 1971. I have fished here and served my family many a meal from this water. If the fish were to die off or struggle because of the water quality, this would affect my property and my way of providing food for myself and my family.. I am not convinced the project planners have invested as much thought to this issue.

7.) I am very concerned about the health of the birds that live/flock/pass thru this area. I have watched hundreds of loons,ducks, geese, Eagles, Osprey and many other birds fly into the water/above the pond, especially abundantly during migration times. This is a source of great pleasure for me and countless others. The pair of loons (maybe 2?) are unique to our Pond and we developed a nesting area for them, that hopefully will be successful with babies this summer. I was very concerned to see that the wildlife expert that Swanton Wind hired say that these turbines wouldn't really affect birds in flight. As I swim for an hour a day most days, I have opportunity to observe them different days, different times of day. I have noted that they rise up from the water and fly directly into where the turbines are to be located. Also, when this expert did his Fall observatlons was even before the birds were migrating. Those of us who live here, swim here, observe these day to day things know this. The birds calm me and help me with managing my high blood pressure. I feed them in the winter and am excited to have these special creatures as part of my world.

8.) Even though the town of Swanton voted overwhelmingly against this project, our voices do not feel as if they are being listened to. The idea of achieving the goal of 90% renewables by 2050 is achievable... But my research has shown me that it does **not** have to include industrial wind turbines. There are many more feasible and workable energy projects being developed as we speak. I have investigated and studied this issue and have learned that solar roadways, glass solar window panes, and many other ideas are coming along with new technology. Vermonters do not have to install large industrial wind turbines that injure people, animals, waterways, home values, beautiful views, and our way of living. When my friends come visiting from Boston and other places that do not have dark skies or quiet stillness, the first thing they say is:"This is Heaven". I am concerned that tourism will be affected for us here on the Pond and my family's ability to rent our cabin in the future and the financial impact that will have on us.

In conclusion: I went to the Legislative sessions in Montpelier last year and have watched and observed how wind victims have been treated in our state. I do not want to be yet another statistic in this game of money and power over the people.

When questioning wind developers at any of the "forums" I have attended, I am woefully disappointed with their non-answers. If I were an individual or company bidding for a job and were to give the same answers that or Vermont wind developers have given to our proposed questions, I most certainly would not be given the bid on the job. When one proposes to do a project, one **must** have all of the numbers and projections ready to go before one is actually given the go ahead. People/Individuals are being held to a higher standard of law, order and ethical behavior over the beloved corporations.



Suzanne Seymour

Dated: February 16, 2017

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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)

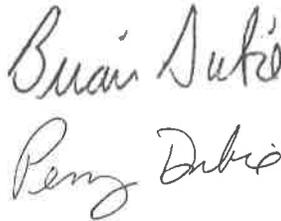
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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