

State of Vermont Public Service Board

Motion to Intervene Form

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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>

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 Erynn and Tyrell Boudreau

Signature



Erynn Boudreau

Date Feb. 16, 2017

Date

**State of Vermont
Public Service Board**

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 to be located in Swanton, VT.

Docket No. 8816

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF
TYRELL AND ERYNN BOUDREAU**

Now come Tyrell and Erynn Boudreau and move to intervene in the matter referenced above pursuant to Public Service Board Rule 2.209(B).

1. Tyrell and Erynn Boudreau are adjoining property owners who have substantial, particularized interests protected by Section 248 and incorporated criteria of Act 250 which may be affected by the outcome of this matter.
2. Tyrell and Erynn Boudreau live at 13 Rocky Ridge Swanton, VT 05488.

Myself, my husband and two sons, live at 13 Rocky Ridge. Our property and the proposed development property adjoin. The turbines would be very visible and audible from our home. We would be approximately 1900 - 2000 feet from the nearest turbine.

We have lived on Rocky Ridge since December 2013. My husband and I had looked at several property's when purchasing our first home and wanted it to be perfect. The first time we toured this

new home, we fell in love with not only the house, but several other aspects. The location, quietness, wildlife and lots of land and trees for our children to explore. We, as a family, love to be outside, so this seemed like the perfect fit. We were also told when purchasing this land, that we would have access anytime we wanted, up on the ridge, to hike and enjoy the land. This once said privilege has since been taken away from us once the turbines were proposed. If the turbines do go up, this would never be accessible to us again.

3. My husband sometimes works second shift which requires him to sleep late into the morning. Our bedroom windows face the proposed site. The noise that would come from the turbines, would affect sleeping habits, not only during the day, but at night also. The shadow flicker would be a big problem for sleeping during the day, as the sun rises on the other side of the turbines, and the flicker would come right into our bedroom.

My oldest son is 5 years old and he is very sensitive to sound. He has a history of ear infections and now has tubes in both his ears. The sound would be extremely disruptive to him and his ears.

In the summer, we love to garden as a family. We have a huge garden in the backyard and we are in the garden almost on a daily basis. The noise and shadow flicker would substantially affect our harmony outside.

Turbines have been known to throw ice over 2000 feet. Our property line would be less than 2000 feet which causes concern for us and our neighbors, as well as our vehicles and even animals.

We have bird feeders that we put out in our front lawn every spring. It is one of our children's favorite things to do is to feed the birds and go back in the house and watch on the couch by the windows for the birds to come. Construction of this project would disrupt several birds and our kids enjoyment.

The wildlife is plentiful on our land. Last summer, I saw two bobcats walk right through the back yard, across the road and up on to the ridge. We've seen turkey walk up and down the road and into the yard. There are also many deer that we have seen, and their tracks in the snow. The turbine project would deeply affect all the beautiful wildlife we see on a daily basis.

4. Our well and well water is of great concern. The blasting affect could greatly affect out water quality, reducing flow and or changing the flow. The fracturing of rock could seep down in to our soil and into our leach field and eventually into our water supply.

Our septic tank is approximately 500 feet from our yard. It gets pumped across the road. Therefore, this is a huge concern considering all the machinery and very heavy equipment that would be driving on top of it.

5. In our town plan, it mentions Interstate 89 as the main entrance from Canada into the United States. As it passes through, Rocky Ridge is very visible and eye-catching as traveler pass through. Construction of this project would take away this beauty and the reason why Vermont is called The Green Mountain State.

6. My husband's Grandparents had a camp on Fairfield pond until last summer. We would swim, boat and fish on the pond. Even after they moved, we still went to the public part of beach and have taken kayaks out on it and our kids have swam in it. Construction of this project would diminish the serenity of the pond. It's such a lovely spot for a picnic or a canoe ride.

- (a) Another area of concern we have is for the substation. This substation site is proposed directly across the road from our home, approximately 500 feet away. How much power would be generated at this site and how would this affect my family? I do not want to wake up every morning, and look out my front windows and see a substation.

- (b) There is a vibration concern with the blasting affect and also once they are up, they are known to cause ground vibration. Since we are less than 2000 feet away from the nearest turbine, my fear is this would absolutely affect us.
- (c) Since our home is directly located on the corner of the road, where the machinery and truck equipment would be driving, my children safety is of huge concern. They feel (as they should) comfortable to run around our yard; in the summer, you can find them riding their bikes up and down the road, going down to the neighbor's house to play with their children, picking berries in the woods and playing on their swing set. We live in such a quiet and safe area, we as parents are comfortable with them roaming. Construction of this project would not only diminish this feeling, but also place fear on me as I would constantly be making sure they were far from the road. We also have two dogs that feel very comfortable roaming the yard and woods close to us, I would have to take proper steps to make sure they would not get close to the road as the construction process would being.
- (d) It is a proven fact that our home value would significantly decrease due to the industrial turbines. As proven with Georgia Mountain, it is much harder to find buyers with all the problems that comes along with industrial sized turbines in such close proximity.
- (e) When my husband and I were at our home signing, it was then that we found out what the vacant land would turn into. The magnitude of the turbines was not expressed to us. These are industrial and would be the biggest in the state and the closest in proximity than any other project. Another option mentioned to us were a development to be built up on the ridge.
- (f) Overall, this project is very poorly sited and we often do not get answers to our concerns. My hope for the future, is that there are laws, and town plans that have guidelines for better siting. Siting that is a certain distance from where people call home. We would be

devastated if this project went through and extremely saddened for the future of our children.

Wherefore, Tyrell and Erynn Boudreau pray we are permitted to participate in this Docket No.8816 as parties in accordance with PSB Rule 2.209 (B).

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2017

By :



Erynn Boudreau

Erynn Boudreau
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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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