

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7250

Petition of Deerfield Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Public Good)
authorizing it to construct up to a 45 MW wind generation facility,)
and associated transmission and interconnection facilities,)
comprised of between 15 and 24 wind turbines on approximately 80)
acres in the Green Mountain National Forest, located in Searsburg)
and Readsboro, with turbines to be placed both on the east side of)
Route 8 on the same ridgeline as the existing GMP Searsburg wind)
facility Eastern Project Area), and along the ridgeline to the west of)
Route 8 in a northwesterly orientation (Western Project Area))

**PREFILED SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
MICHAEL LEW-SMITH**

ON BEHALF OF DEERFIELD WIND, LLC

July 30, 2007

Summary:

Mr. Lew-Smith testifies regarding 10 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5). He discusses his review of the revised project layout and its effect, if any, on his original assessment of potential impacts to wetlands, surface waters, rare and irreplaceable natural communities, and rare, threatened and endangered plant species.

1 **Q. Please state your name.**

2 Response. Michael Lew-Smith

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4 **Q. Have you previously submitted direct testimony in this matter?**

5 Response. Yes.

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7 **Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental testimony?**

8 Response. The purpose of my testimony is to review the revised project layout in
9 terms of its potential impacts on wetlands, surface waters, rare and irreplaceable
10 natural communities, and rare, threatened and endangered plant species.

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12 **Q. Have you reviewed the revised project layout, consisting of 17 turbines (10 on
13 the western string and 7 on the eastern string)?**

14 Response. Yes

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16 **Q. Is the revised project layout within the Project area that you originally
17 investigated?**

18 Response. Yes

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20 **Q. How, if at all, is the revised layout different from the layout(s) that you
21 assessed in your original testimony, in terms of potential impacts to wetlands,
22 surface waters, rare and irreplaceable natural communities, and rare,
23 threatened and endangered plant species?**

1 Response. The potential impacts to wetlands, surface waters, rare and irreplaceable
2 natural communities and rare plant species are the same for the original and revised
3 layouts. As with the original layout, we worked with the engineers to minimize
4 impacts to these resources.

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6 **Q. Do the revisions to the layout alter your original conclusion that the Project**
7 **will not result in undue adverse impacts to wetlands, surface waters, rare and**
8 **irreplaceable natural communities, and rare, threatened and endangered plant**
9 **species?**

10 Response. No. The revised layout will not result in undue adverse impacts to
11 wetlands, surface waters, rare and irreplaceable natural communities or rare,
12 threatened and endangered plant species.

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14 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony at this time?**

15 Response. Yes, it does.