

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Docket No. 7156

Petition of UPC Vermont Wind, LLC for a Certificate of )  
Public Good pursuant to 30 V.S.A. section 248, )  
authorizing it to construct up to a 52 MW wind electric )  
generation facility, and associated transmission and )  
interconnection facilities, in Sheffield and Sutton, Vermont, )  
and operate the same. )

**PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF  
BOB AUBREY**

**ON BEHALF OF UPC VERMONT WIND, LLC**

September 25, 2006

Summary:

Mr. Aubrey offers his opinion as a local resident on UPC Vermont Wind, LLC's proposed project. He is in support of the wind project.

1 **Q. What is your name and address?**

2 Response. My name is Bob Aubrey. I live at 25 Maple Row, Sheffield, VT.

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4 **Q. Are you or any member of your immediate family employed by UPC?**

5 Response. No.

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7 **Q. Do you or any member of your immediate family have a financial interest in UPC?**

8 Response. No.

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10 **Q. How long have you lived in Sheffield?**

11 Response. I have lived here for twenty-seven years.

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13 **Q. Where is your property in relation to the wind project, and will you be able to see the**  
14 **project from your property?**

15 Response. My property is approximately 1 mile south of the proposed wind project  
16 location. I will be able to see the windmills from my property.

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18 **Q. What outdoor activities do you enjoy from your property?**

19 Response. I use my property for 4-wheeling and snowmobiling. I have about twenty rides  
20 for my grandchildren, and am in the process of building a roller coaster. I have about 150  
21 feet of track already built on the roller coaster. I also have about 15 window fans that I got  
22 from the dump. I take them apart and mount them on poles and paint them different

1 colors. I like to look at them and watch them spin with the wind. I plan on building a  
2 bigger turbine.

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4 **Q. Will you be able to see the turbines from roads that you routinely travel on or from**  
5 **other public places in the area that you frequent?**

6 Response. I will be able to see the turbines from many places I travel to on a daily basis, and  
7 I have no problem with that as I like to look at them.

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9 **Q. Expert witnesses for the Town of Sutton, and Universal Health Service, Inc., UHS of**  
10 **Sutton, Inc., and Ridge Protectors, Inc. variously testified that the turbines will be “freakish**  
11 **giants in the landscape” (Brown p. 10, line 11), and will shock and offend the average**  
12 **person, because they will be out of character with their surroundings, and significantly**  
13 **diminish the scenic qualities of the area (Brown p. 8, lines 16-18; Dodson p. 15, lines 16-22;**  
14 **Jewell p. 26, lines 4-8). Do you agree?**

15 Response. The visual impacts of the project are not a problem for me as I love to watch the  
16 turbines spinning. It is not like they are going one hundred miles an hour. Everyone’s visual  
17 opinions differ. My neighbor put up rows of trees to block the view of the town, and one  
18 along the road. Personally, I don’t like looking at them, but I didn’t ask him to remove  
19 them. It is his property and he has the right to do what he wants with it.

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21 **Q. Do you have any additional thoughts about the proposed project?**

22 Response. I feel that we need to find alternative power sources. What do we do when we  
23 run out of gas and oil? I personally do not want a nuclear power plant in my back yard, like

1 Governor Douglas supports. What is the difference if everyone had a small turbine in their  
2 yard or put up the big ones? I believe the property value would not be a factor. I think that  
3 people will come just to see them. I took my grandchildren on the tour to Searsburg. We  
4 stood underneath the turbines and we could not hear them. Once the project is complete,  
5 the environment will come back to its natural state.

6 The townspeople voted in support of the turbines in Sheffield. Governor Douglas  
7 said he was against any wind power in Vermont and would rather go with nuclear power. I  
8 believe there would be much more devastation with a nuclear accident than with a turbine  
9 accident. Most people don't even understand the process of these turbines.

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

12 Response. Yes it does.