

**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
BRAD DETH**

ON BEHALF OF UPC VERMONT WIND, LLC

September 25, 2006

Summary:

Mr. Deth 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 Brad Deth. I live on the Burke Green Road in Burke Vermont.

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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 the Northeast Kingdom?**

11 Response. I have lived in the Northeast Kingdom for 40 years.

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13 **Q. Where is your property in relation to the proposed wind project?**

14 Response. My home is within ten miles of the Sheffield Wind Farm.

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16 **Q. Will you be able to see the project from your home?**

17 Response. I will have a view of the turbines from my home. I do not believe seeing the
18 turbines will diminish the view, or my enjoyment of my home.

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20 **Q. What outdoor activities do you enjoy in the Northeast Kingdom? Will the Project
21 impact your ability to enjoy these activities?**

22 Response. I hunt and fish in the Northeast Kingdom. I believe that I will still be able to
23 continue to do so, regardless of whether the wind project is there.

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

3 Response. Besides my own home, I will be able to see the turbines from lots of local
4 places that I frequent regularly, including Burke Green Road, on route 114, and all
5 around the Burke, Newark and Sutton area.

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

13 Response. I don't think the wind turbines will be the eyesore that some people think. I
14 support the project. I believe that we need to find different sources of renewable energy,
15 and wind power is the best way to go.

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

18 Response. Yes.