

**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  
CHRISTINA B. COLES**

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

September 25, 2006

Summary:

Ms. Coles offers her opinion as a local resident on UPC Vermont Wind, LLC's proposed project. She is in support of the wind project.

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

2 Response. My name is Christina B. Coles. I live in Newark 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 been a resident of Newark for five years.

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

14 Response. My home is south of the proposed Sheffield wind project, and within ten  
15 miles of the site.

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

19 Response. I will be able to view the turbines along many of the higher elevation areas  
20 throughout the area, and from many of the roads that I travel on a daily basis.

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

1        Response. In addition to living and working in the Northeast Kingdom, I practice  
2        recreational activities including snowmobiling, walking, fishing and hunting. I do not  
3        believe that siting a wind farm in Sheffield will in any way affect my ability to practice  
4        these activities.

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

12       Response. In my own opinion, the visual impacts of the wind farm will not be an issue.  
13       We live here. We have gotten used to ski areas, cell towers and the interstate and a wind  
14       farm is not any different. It will all blend in, and, after a period of time, we will really  
15       not notice it at all.

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

18       Response. Yes.