

**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  
ERVIN STAN WEED JR.**

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

September 25, 2006

Summary:

Mr. Weed 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 Ervin S. Weed Jr. I live with my wife on North Ridge Road in  
3 Sutton Vermont.

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

6 Response. No.

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

9 Response. No.

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11 **Q. How long have you lived in the Northeast Kingdom?**

12 Response. We've lived here for 56 years.

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

15 Response. My home is east of the wind turbine site, within a few miles.

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

18 Response. We may be able to see the turbines from some of the higher elevation areas of  
19 our property.

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

1        Response. I recreate in Sutton, on my property and at other places in the Northeast  
2        Kingdom. I enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking and riding my ATV. I will be able to see the  
3        turbines at many of the locations on which I recreate and travel, and I do not believe that  
4        having the wind towers visible from these places will prevent me from doing any of the  
5        things that I enjoy, or from enjoying my property.

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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 p. 10, line 11), and will shock and offend the**  
10       **average person, because they will be out of character with their surroundings, and**  
11       **significantly diminish the scenic qualities of the area. (Brown p. 8, lines 16-18; Dodson p.**  
12       **15, lines 16-22; Jewell p. 26, lines 4-8). Do you agree?**

13       Response. I support the wind project, and don't feel looking at the turbines will be an  
14       issue. I have looked at a local ski area (Burke Mountain) all of my life and I do not  
15       believe that ski areas are any more natural than turbines, and yet we accept these.

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17       **Q.     What is your opinion of UPC's proposed wind project?**

18       Response. I support the Sheffield wind farm for two reasons. One is that it is a clean,  
19       renewable energy source. The other is that it will provide needed income for the towns  
20       of Sheffield and Sutton, with no additional costs to the town.

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

23       Response. Yes.