

**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  
JIM BICKNELL**

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

September 25, 2006

Summary:

Mr. Bicknell 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 Jim Bicknell. I live in Newark at 459 Schoolhouse Road.

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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 at this site for 27 years.

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

14 Response. Yes, we would be able to see these wind turbines from our home.

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

18 Response. We would be able to see the turbines from Burke Green Road, throughout the  
19 town of Newark and at higher elevations around the Northeast Kingdom.

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21 **Q. Expert witnesses for the Town of Sutton, and Universal Health Services, Inc., UHS**  
22 **of Sutton, Inc., and Ridge Protectors, Inc. variously testified that the turbines will be**

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

5 Response. I don't think seeing the turbines is a reason not to put up the project. I don't  
6 think they will be any worse than seeing the scars on Burke Mountain that are the ski  
7 trails, and we have ski mountains all over Vermont. Maybe the people in Holland were  
8 afraid to see windmills in their backyards at first too, but they are considered beautiful  
9 and are a tourist attraction. Building a wind farm just seems like a good idea.

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

12 Response. Yes.