

**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
LESLIE NEWLAND**

ON BEHALF OF UPC VERMONT WIND, LLC

September 25, 2006

Summary:

Ms. Newland 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 Leslie Newland, and my address is 1446 Sheffield Square
3 Road in Sheffield, VT 05866.

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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
9 UPC?**

10 Response. No.

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12 **Q. How long have you been living in Sheffield?**

13 Response. I have lived on the home farm for 57 years—all but four years of the 61
14 years of my life. One of the years spent away was with the 173rd Airborne in
15 Vietnam.

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

19 Response. I live approximately 1.5 to 2 miles southwest of the wind tower site. I
20 will see some of the towers from my house and all of them from our sugar place.

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

1 Response. We hunt, snowshoe, four wheel, fish and bird watch on the property.

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

5 Response. I will be able to see the wind turbines from a variety of locations, as my
6 work installing drywall takes me all over the Northeast Kingdom.

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

14 Response. I think clean energy is more important than views. It would be nice to be
15 less dependent on foreign fuels.

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

18 Response. Yes. I have seen wind towers in West Virginia and believe they would
19 help solve some of our energy needs. The UPC project would also help the people
20 in Sheffield alleviate their ever-increasing tax burden.

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

23 Response. Yes it does.