

Public Service Board Docket Number 8167

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In the mid 1990's we were investigating sites to construct a wilderness cabin that would access good hunting territory and be suited for family recreation activities in general.

A life lease (copy to be forwarded) was negotiated with Dyer-Dunn, Inc. allowing construction and access of a cabin on their Irish Hill property in Lowell.

The construction of the industrial wind turbines, and the resulting destruction of the summit of the Lowell Mountain Range, has had a negative effect on use and enjoyment of our camp. Far beyond the loss of hunting habitat and the sense of a wilderness experience, the use of the cabin as a recreational shelter has been seriously impacted by the level of sound emanating from turbine operation. We have attached an account written by Mrs. Tom Hamilton describing her experience at the cabin the night of September 28, 2013.

Although our cabin is probably the closest dwelling place to the Kingdom Community Wind Project, the CPG process (Docket #7628) chose to ignore its value, or our investment because it was seasonal and recreational rather than a principal domicile. The record in Docket #7628 establishes its agreed proximity to the north most turbine in the project.

Baseline sound monitoring was done at the site by a firm from White River Junction area working for the developer prior to any construction activity. The results of this study are not known to Dyer-Dunn or its lessees but must be in the possession of Green Mountain Power.

Lowell Mountain and Camp Dyer were not devoid of all but nature's sounds prior to the construction and operation of the wind turbines. The daytime sounds of rural living travelled up slope; a skidder start up, a chain saw, or farm equipment, served to remind us of the unique privilege of having our wilderness in an area that was accessible.

We do not know the decibel level either at or within the cabin. The sound level is unacceptable at times and should invite continuous monitoring. We would like to assist the State of Vermont in its review and monitoring of health issues in dwellings impacted by industrial wind turbine operation. We look forward to participating in this project to protect the people of Vermont from harmful effects from industrial noise intrusion.

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