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RE: Docket No. 8167 - Investigative Sound Docket

Mrs. Hudson:

The Agency files this letter in response to the Board's Order dated September 3, 2014¹ requesting written submissions on technical issues. The Agency's submission addresses the second technical issue identified in the Board's Order: "project planning and pre-application consultation."

The Agency believes that pre-application consultation between project developers and the Agency is critical for evaluating potential natural resource impacts from sound emanating from energy facilities, and recommends that project developers engage with the Agency prior to filing a petition with the Board. The Agency also wishes to inform the Board, and project applicants, that it intends to apply the studies presented by the Agency at the third workshop held July 29, 2014, as well as new information as it becomes available, in evaluating siting and impact assessments associated with such facilities.

Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Donald J. Einhorn
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¹ As amended by Order dated September 9, 2014.

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Investigation into the potential establishment of)	Public Service Board
standards related to sound levels from the)	Docket No. 8167
operation of generation, transmission and)	
distribution equipment by entities subject to)	
Public Service Board jurisdiction)	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Beverly Smith, certify that on October 8, 2014, I served a copy of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources' *Letter in Response to the Board's Order dated September 3, 2014, requesting written submissions on technical issues*, in the above captioned matter, to the following interested persons:

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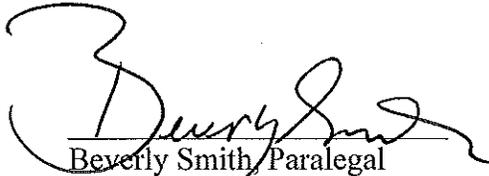
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