

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Investigation into the potential establishment  
of standards related to sound levels from  
the operation of generation, transmission  
and distribution equipment by entities subject  
to Public Service Board jurisdiction

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Docket No. 8167

**TOWN OF ALBANY RE: GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER'S RESPONSE TO PROCEDURAL ORDER RE:  
NEXT STEP**

The Town of Albany is a very quiet town with a very low level of ambient background noise. We remain very concerned about the impact of harmful noise pollution on our citizens. The noise levels documented in those areas of the town nearest the industrial turbine development were well below 30 dBA prior to the construction of the GMP power plant. The Massachusetts Noise Regulations (<http://www.airandnoise.com/MA310CMR710.html>) specify that the ambient sound level, measured at the property line of the facility or at the nearest inhabited buildings, shall not be increased by more than 10 decibels weighted for the "A" scale [dB(A)] due to the sound from the facility during its operating hours. The levels approved by the Public Service Board are significantly higher than 10 dBA higher than ambient night time pre-construction levels. The Town asks that the board adopt a similar regulatory standard that protects the people in our town and allow them to enjoy their themselves anywhere on their property at least as well as people are protected in our neighboring state to the south.