

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-700

Application of John Pollard for a certificate of)
public good for an interconnected net metered)
wind turbine and photovoltaic system)

Order entered: 10/9/2009

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves applications filed by John Pollard ("Applicant") on August 28, 2009, requesting a certificate of public good ("CPG") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a net metering system.¹ The net metering system consists of a wind turbine and a photovoltaic generation system.

Notice of the application in this docket was sent by the Applicant to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

On July 30, 2009, Elizabeth Mensch filed comments regarding the wind turbine application. Ms. Mensch expresses concerns regarding potential aesthetic impacts of the project, but does not object to the installation or request a hearing in this matter. No comments have been received from any other parties or interested persons.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

1. The application for the photovoltaic system was filed on July 10, 2009. The application for the wind turbine was separately filed on June 30, 2009. For purposes of this Order, we treat the two applications as one application. The applications were completed on August 28, 2009.

II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The proposed net metering projects are located on property owned by the Applicant at 399 Frank Lord Road in Shrewsbury, Vermont. Applications at Section 1 and Attachments.

2. The wind turbine has a tower height of 100 feet and a rotor diameter of 22 feet. Wind Turbine Application at Section 5.

3. The photovoltaic system will be located on a new structure. Photovoltaic Application at Section 4.

4. The proposed project consists of a wind turbine with a system-rated output of 9.5 kW AC and a photovoltaic system with a system-rated output of 3.04 kW AC for a combined system-rated power output of 12.54 kW AC. The facilities will be interconnected with the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation electrical distribution system. Applications at Sections 4 and 5, and Attachments.

5. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 9 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Applications at Sections 3 and 9.

6. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Applications at Section 3.

III. CONCLUSION

In Docket No. 6181,² the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and

2. Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

IV. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the proposed wind turbine and photovoltaic net metering system, in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 9th day of October, 2009.

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s/David C. Coen)	
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s/John D. Burke)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 9, 2009

Attest: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.