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Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street
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Re: Comments Received Regarding Temporary Sound-Level Standard

Dear Public Service Board Members,

Following are my comments responding to those submitted to PSB by Green Mountain Power, Renewable Energy Vermont, Vermont Environmental Research Associates, and the Vermont Department of Public Service, all of which argue for no change in present regulations governing noise standards for industrial wind turbines in Vermont.

There is already a significant body of scientific research and personal life experience narratives from impacted parties that reports existing sound standards as being set far too high for the comfort and good health of human beings living nearby the turbines. All of this can be gleaned from existing reports contained in the established technical media channels. You, as a Board, and the technical support staff who aid your interpretation of the data, are well aware of that information. I won't belabor it here. What seems to be missing from the conversation is an intense discussion of the PSB's responsibility not to the political cabal which appoints individual Board members, but rather in regard to the member's responsibility to their fellow Vermont citizens, whom—ultimately—the individual board members owe their good faith and allegiance.

The title: 'Public Service Board', by ordinary English language standards, does not admit of multiple interpretations. It clearly means the Board exists for the sole and exclusive purpose of serving the Public, i.e. the citizens of the State of Vermont. I am not aware of a specific oath of office, if any, administered to Board members. If there is such an oath I strongly doubt it contains a pledge to act in favor of wealthy private interests to the detriment of the ordinary citizens of Vermont. Accordingly, I implore you to read into all of your interpretations of the great body of presently existing information, outcomes that augur in favor of the people, and not the special interests.

Respectfully submitted,

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