

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties in PSB Docket No. 7508 (Re: Georgia Mountain Wind Project)

From: Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board

Re: Site preparation and construction

Date: December 16, 2011

On June 11, 2010, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order and Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") approving construction of a wind generation facility on Georgia Mountain by Georgia Mountain Community Wind, LLC ("GMCW"). The CPG contained several conditions that require GMCW to make additional filings for approval by the Board prior to construction.

On December 13, 2011, R.J. Potter of Milton, Vermont, sent an e-mail to the Board regarding work on Ted Road¹ and along the proposed access road, which involved the use of "graders, skidders, tandem trucks with road material, tractor trailers, dual unit flat-bed log trucks loaded with logs" and "blasting to remove stumps." Mr. Potter requested that the Board "order an immediate halt to all activities, until this work can be properly and legally accessed [sic] as to whether GMCW is violating the [Board's] order."

On December 14, 2011, Melodie McLane sent an e-mail to the Board reiterating Mr. Potter's comments regarding the activities on Georgia Mountain and stating that the "access road is being cleared and improved." In addition, Ms. McLane stated that several people reported hearing explosions on Georgia Mountain. Ms. McLane requested that the Board "act on this immediately, requiring the petitioner to stop all construction on all projects on the mountain while it investigates this issue."

On December 14, 2011, GMCW sent an e-mail to the Board stating that "no blasting has occurred on Georgia Mountain" and that GMCW is "not building the wind project road." GMCW stated that "[t]rees are being thinned as part of the sugaring

¹ Under GMCW's proposal, Ted Road would be used to access the site of the wind generation facility and would be widened to accommodate construction vehicles.

operation" and that it had not violated its CPG. GMCW also stated that "if Ms. McLane requests injunctive relief, she should file the proper motion accompanied by supporting evidence as required by the Board rules."

In response to GMCW's December 14 e-mail, Ms. McLane sent another e-mail to the Board on December 14th, questioning where the explosions were coming from, that if GMCW's statements were true.

On December 15, 2011, GMCW sent an e-mail to the Board stating that "blasting is happening on a separate 300 acre parcel located on the Westford Road, approximately 1.5 miles east of Ted Road, in connection with the construction of a deer camp and access roads. . . . not related to the wind project."

Further, GMCW's December 15 e-mail stated that "no blasting has occurred on Georgia Mountain." Then GMCW stated that "blasting is happening on a separate 300 acre parcel located on the Westford Road, approximately 1.5 miles east of Ted Road . . . not related to the wind project." The Harrisons own approximately 700 acres at the project site.² Therefore, the Board is unclear whether GMCW's second statement was meant to replace its first statement or whether both statements are correct. GMCW is required to identify the nature of and specific locations where the blasting is occurring relative to the project site.

Additionally, GMCW is required to describe the type, amount, and purpose of equipment using Ted Road and to state whether any improvements to the access road have been undertaken since the first site visit in 2010.

Finally, GMCW is required to file the requested information, detailed above, under oath or affirmation by **December 19, 2011**.

Any comments regarding the e-mails sent to the Board by Mr. Potter, Ms. McLane, and GMCW must be filed by **December 20, 2011**.

² Harrison pf. at 2. James Harrison is a member of H.W. Ventures, LLC, the owner of the wind project site.