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The Honorable Phil Scott
Governor, State of Vermont
109 State Street, Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Scott,

First, we would like to congratulate you on your election and wish you the best in serving as our state's 82nd Governor. This letter is asking for an update on where you stand on ridgeline development of industrial wind and if we can expect a ban on ridgeline development in the near future. During your campaign, you made it clear that you supported "a complete ban on ridgeline development." We know you visited the Rocky Ridge site in September and are familiar with most of the issues with that site.

An application for a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) has been submitted to the Public Service Board by the development company Swanton Wind LLC for the installation of seven 499 foot industrial wind turbines on the southeastern side of Swanton known as Rocky Ridge. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware that we are opposed to this project. By a special vote on the subject in the fall of 2015 Swanton voters disapproved of this project by a 5:1 margin. We are working with our Town Attorney and town officials from Fairfield and St. Albans in our opposition to the CPG application. The opposition process is costing citizens of the three towns tens of thousands of tax dollars that could be better spent on other needs such as road and facility improvements.

A few of our reasons for opposing the CPG application include finding it incredulous that it does not specify the exact number of turbines to be installed and it does not specify the turbine model being purchased nor the expected electrical generation. We also find it disturbing that Vermont utilities do not want to purchase the power and the developer has recently stated that they are looking to sell it in Connecticut. It is obvious to us that, if successful, this project will damage precious natural resources and wildlife habitat, lower the value of adjacent properties, adversely affect the health and quality of life for those living in close proximity and diminish the scenic beauty of the ridgeline

and surrounding landscape - all for power that is being sold to Connecticut!

We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing where you stand with regards to this project specifically and ridgeline development overall.

Very Respectfully,

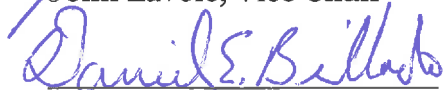
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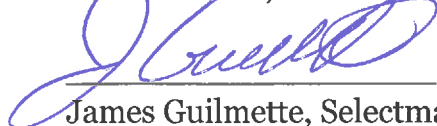
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