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Susan M. Hudson, Clerk  
Vermont Public Service Board  
112 State Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: Swanton Meteorological Tower

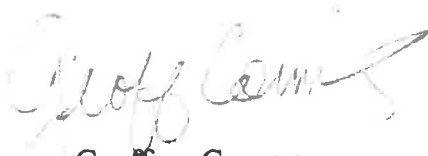
Dear Mrs. Hudson,

In response to the Board's July 8, 2015 memorandum, the Department investigated claims made by Christine and Dustin Lang regarding an existing meteorological tower in Swanton, Vermont. The Department consulted with Travis Belisle (the tower owner), his counsel Leslie Cadwell, and John Zimmerman and Martha Staskus of VERA Renewables.

A review of the Department's records did not show issuance of a certificate of public good (CPG) to Mr. Belisle. Based on that and on our consultation with Mr. Belisle et al, the Department has concluded that Mr. Belisle did not obtain a CPG from the Board prior to constructing the tower. Therefore, the Department recommends that the Board open an investigation into this matter, and provide Mr. Belisle an opportunity to show cause why he should not be subject to penalties under 30 V.S.A. § 30. With respect to appropriate sanctions, the Department suggests that this question be held in abeyance until the facts of the matter have been elicited during the investigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please let me know if any additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Commons  
Director of Public Advocacy

cc: Leslie Cadwell, Esq.  
Christine & Dustin Lang

