

July 31, 2015

Dear Gerald, Travis, and Ashley Belisle,

We received your letter dated June 13, 2015 inviting us to tour your proposed industrial wind site on Rocky Ridge. We regrettably were not able to attend your meeting. We acknowledge and support your interest in providing clean and sustainable energy.

In your letter, you asked for our thoughts and inputs. Because we are your neighbors and live very close to the proposed site, we have closely followed your industrial wind project. We attended the Fairfield Select Board meeting on July 27 where the project was presented to the Fairfield Select Board and to the approximately thirty citizens who were also in attendance.

A map was shown to the Select Board and the public. To underscore our interest in your proposed project, as the Select Board was reviewing the map, a Select Board member remarked, "Wow, that is really close to Dubie's land."

The map of your proposed turbine project in the public record is:

<https://swantonwind.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/swanton-wind-stantec-final-work-plan-041415.pdf>, page 4.

As part of our education process of your project, we also have listened to the testimony of Matt Parisi to the Public Service Board (PSB) about the impact of the Georgia Mountain Wind Project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DTslhh62BM&feature=youtu.be>

Matt Parisi lives 4,000 feet downwind from the Georgia Mountain project. We grew up with Matt, and we have a lot of respect for him. After watching his testimony, we gave Matt a call. Matt told us that the turbine noise has forced his son to move out of his house to another town. Matt specifically noted that the noise is the most significant downwind of the turbines. According to the Stantec map, we live approximately 4,000 feet downwind of your proposed industrial turbines. Matt Parisi testified to the PSB that the turbine type, size, and location will determine the noise impact of a wind project. We have been informed that you are proposing the largest industrial turbines ever proposed for any wind project in the State of Vermont. We are very concerned about the selection of the turbine size, type, and location of your proposed industrial wind project.

On any given night on Fairfield Pond, you can hear casual conversations from people on the other side of the pond which can be almost a mile away. People who live near bodies of water understand the strange ability of sound to travel on water. We are very concerned about the acoustics effects of your proposed industrial turbines. All the citizen attendees of the Fairfield Select Board meeting were opposed to your project because of the environmental, noise, and health impacts of your proposed industrial turbines.

Matt Parisi also told me that the Town of Georgia lowered the assessed value of land owners who were near the Georgia wind turbines, which has established the fact that wind turbines lower property values. The fact that wind turbines lower property values is now a legal precedent as established by the Town of Georgia.

As a fellow Vermonter, we respect your freedom to manage your land. However, we are very concerned about the noise pollution from your proposed industrial turbines. We are also concerned by the fact that Town of Georgia has determined that proximity to wind turbines diminishes property values. From reading the information on your website, we understand that you hope to make a profit for the next 25 years on this project. From your neighbors' perspective, your gain will mean our loss. We lose peace and quiet in our homes. We lose property values of our homes and land. We lose by the light pollution from flashing beacons reflecting on Fairfield Pond and the surrounding region every night.

In your letter, you asked for our thoughts and inputs. Thank you for inviting us to share our thoughts. We look forward to working with you to address our concerns.

We also have some questions for you.

- Can you confirm the type of industrial turbines that you are considering?
- Are they larger and noisier than those currently operating in Georgia?
- What are the locations and how many industrial turbines are you considering?
- How do you propose to respond to the fact that your neighbors' property values will be negatively impacted as has been established by the Town of Georgia for a similar project?

We look forward to hearing your answers to our questions.

Sincerely,

Brian and Penny Dubie  
Mark and Marianne Dubie  
Mike and Amy Dubie  
Jerry and Anne Dubie  
Clark and Carolyn Palmer  
Elaine Bolio