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Vermont Community Wind Farm LLC Revises Project Scope

In their meeting with the Middletown Springs Selectboard this evening the Vermont Community Wind Farm announced that plans for their proposed 80 MW project in Rutland County have been scaled down. The Middletown Springs meeting was the sixth 'introductory' meeting with town officials in the region since early May. Previously, project owner Per White-Hansen and Community Affairs Director Jeff Wennberg had met with town officials in Ira, Clarendon, Tinmouth, Poultney and West Rutland.

"We went to the communities seeking feedback and comments on the project, and have taken those comments to heart," Wennberg said. "As we have said in every meeting, this project is a concept that is subject to change based upon local concerns and environmental, engineering and economic findings from studies that are just now underway. This revision in scope is the first response to some of those concerns and findings."

Vermont Community Wind had originally identified 60 potential turbine sites on three ridgelines - Herrick Mountain, Traynor Brook and Susie's Peak. The revised project scope eliminates 15 potential sites, bringing the total to 45. The sites being eliminated are all 11 sites at Traynor Brook Ridge and 4 sites on the southern end of Susie's Peak Ridge. Eliminated are all 4 proposed sites in Tinmouth and all 3 proposed sites in Middletown Springs, plus 8 proposed sites in Ira. The change also eliminated some access roads and a transmission line that would have crossed the valley in Ira.

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Wennberg explained that the reasons for the change are largely based on community feedback. "We heard everywhere we went that the project is too big. We also heard that the development of all three ridges in Ira had too big an aesthetic impact in that community. Finally, information we have received indicates that there are a number of residences in Tinmouth and the Traynor Brook area of Ira that would be closer to the turbines on that ridge than originally thought and closer than many in the community would like to see."

Wennberg emphasized that while changes are now being made to their plans, Vermont Community Wind strongly desires to continue working with townspeople and community leaders in the months ahead. "This is a big step but just an early step in the process that will result in an application to the Public Service Board early next year. We will continue to work with these communities in the months ahead in hope of proposing a project for regulatory approval that is supported by the communities and addresses all the environmental, engineering and economic concerns."

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Vermont Community Wind is developing a wind farm in Vermont, primarily in the town of Ira, with some potential wind turbine sites in Poultney, Clarendon and West Rutland. While still early in the development phase, the project is planned to have 80 MW of generating capacity. For further information please visit www.vtcomwind.com.

Vermont will realize many environmental and economic benefits from this wind farm, and from the clean renewable energy made on the wind-rich Taconic Mountain Ridges, fed directly into the Vermont electrical grid and used locally. This wind farm is planned to be operational, providing Vermonters with clean renewable electricity, by late 2011.