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Vermont Community Wind Farm Removes Potential Susie's Peak Turbines from Project Plans

Vermont Community Wind Farm, LLC, has decided to remove the remaining Susie's Peak potential wind turbine locations from their project plans.

The removal of these locations reduces the total potential sites from 45 to 34, and eliminates Susie's Peak from further consideration by VCWF. All the potential sites still under consideration are in the Mt. Herrick region, including areas in Ira, Poultney and West Rutland.

Community concern over development on Susie's Peak was the primary driver behind the decision. Also contributing were potential impacts on operations at the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport in Clarendon and the cost of upgrading an existing transmission.

"Through the course of our deliberations and discussions with communities on both sides of Susie's Peak, it became clear that this ridge represents a cultural as well as an aesthetic resource. While the wind generation potential along this ridge is indeed attractive, it is the conclusion of VCWF that wind turbines should not be installed on Susie's Peak," said Jeff Wennberg, director of state and community affairs for VCWF.

The decision to eliminate potential sites along Susie's Peak reduces the number of ridges under consideration from the original three to one, and the number of towns

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from six to three.

VCWF had originally identified 60 potential sites in six towns along three ridgelines as showing promise for wind farm development. In June of 2009, VCWF announced the decision to eliminate 15 potential sites including four sites on Susie's Peak and all potential sites along Train Brook Ridge.

Also as a result of this decision, VCWF will not pursue an amended Section 248 Certificate of Public Good for the re-installation of a meteorological (MET) testing tower on Susie's Peak. The tower will be removed and the site restored in conformance with the existing CPG.

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Vermont Community Wind is developing a wind farm in Vermont, in the towns of Ira, Poultney and West Rutland. While still in the development phase, the project is planned to have up to 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 or early 2012.