

Subject: energy conservation

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Dear Ms. Bertrand:

Electrical energy use has in recent years been decreasing . This should give us time to scrutinize any plans for development of new , alternative sources of electrical generation, rather than plunge headlong into projects whose efficiency and environmental impact are unproven and questionable. Let the public determine the "public good" after careful consideration of any alternative energy project. We are all interested in decreasing our "cabon footprint", but electrical generation does not contribute significantly to this in the New England area. Industrial wind development on Vermont's ridgelines is uncalled for, for this reason alone. The towns of Castleton, Hubbardton, Pittsford and West Rutland have spoken through their select boards indicating many other reasons for rejecting Reunion Power's wind project on our ridgelines.

Also, a more vigorous promotion of energy conservation by electrical utilities will go a long way to eliminating the need for siting new generation facilities. I recently received a phone call from Green Mountain Power requesting that we make an attempt to conserve electrical power during peak load times of the day. I was glad to oblige. This is a good example of what can be done by users and utilities working together to keep usage down. If we have more conservation, we will need fewer watts generated, by any source - it's that simple.

Sincerely,
Ernie Clerihew