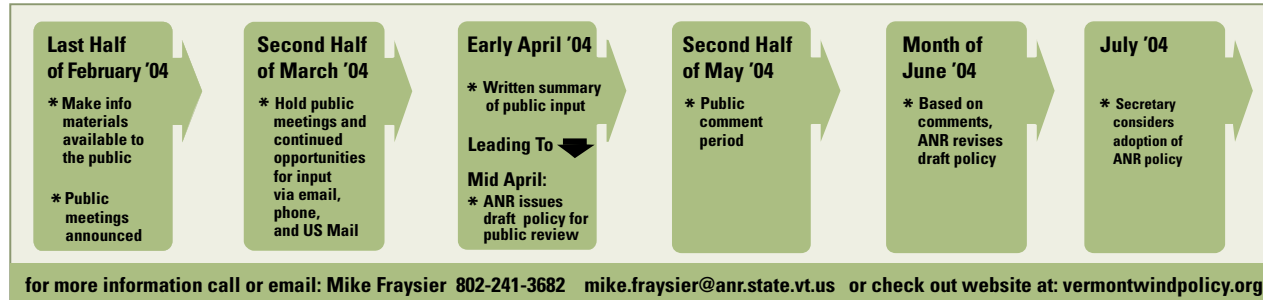




AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES' PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING A POLICY REGARDING WIND POWER ON ANR LANDS

FEBRUARY 2004

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TIMELINE



BACKGROUND

Vermont's best lands for wind energy development are found along its mountains and ridgelines between 2500' to 3500' in elevation. Many of these sites are located on state land under the jurisdiction of the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and its departments. These lands were acquired for conservation and recreation purposes and are a prominent part of Vermont's landscape. Recently, ANR has been approached with proposals to develop wind energy development projects on state lands. ANR's policy regarding the uses of state lands was adopted in 1999, before proposals had been made to develop wind power on state land, therefore the policy does not address the possibility of wind power development.

In the fall of 2002, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation of ANR was approached by a wind energy developer who asked for authorization to place two temporary wind measurement towers on Kirby Mountain in Victory State Forest in the towns of Victory and Kirby. ANR received a considerable amount of public comment about this proposal. As a result of these comments, the Agency established a moratorium on wind energy proposals (including wind measurement towers) for state lands until it establishes a policy regarding the use of state lands for wind power development.

ANR WIND ENERGY WORK GROUP

In the spring of 2003, ANR established a work group to help guide its wind power policy development process. The work group is composed of representatives from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Conservation, ANR Planning Office, Department of Public Service, and Agency of Transportation, and is chaired by State Lands Director Mike Fraysier.

The work group is actively seeking public input before it develops a draft wind power policy.

PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIALS

The Agency is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for the public to become informed and provide input on the issue of wind energy development on state lands. ANR has hired Cindy Cook of Adamant Accord to design and implement a process for involving the public in the policy development process. The work group is currently overseeing the development of outreach materials—including fact sheets, flyers, maps, and an interactive website—to help inform and educate the public on various aspects of wind energy in Vermont and the potential role of state lands in wind energy development.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

PUBLIC MEETINGS

ANR will hold a series of public meetings across the state in mid to late March 2004.

Each meeting will begin with a half hour informal open house, at which ANR staff will be available to discuss issues related to ANR lands and possible wind power development. The formal meeting will begin with a presentation regarding ANR lands and its process for developing a policy regarding wind power development on

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Mo. 3/15	6:30-7pm open house; 7-9pm meeting	Springfield	High School
Tu. 3/16	6:30-7pm open house; 7-9pm meeting	Montpelier	Vermont College
Th. 3/18	6:30-7pm open house; 7-9pm meeting	Jay	Firehall
Sa. 3/20	9:30-10am open house; 10-12pm meeting	Killington	Cortina Inn
Mo. 3/22	6:30-7pm open house; 7-9pm meeting	South Burlington	High School
Tu. 3/23	6:30-7pm open house; 7-9pm meeting	Bennington	Middle School
Th. 3/25	6:30-7pm open house; 7-9pm meeting	Hancock	Town Hall
Sa. 3/27	9:30-10am open house; 10-12pm meeting	St. Johnsbury	Purina Ralston Bldg

ANR lands. The public will then be asked to make suggestions regarding what the work group should take into consideration as it develops a draft wind power policy.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT

The Wind Work Group is actively seeking public input. Please submit your initial comments by March 31, 2004, so that the work group can consider them before it develops a draft policy. The public will have a second opportunity to comment, once ANR has developed a draft policy.

There are a number of ways to comment:

- > Attend one or more of the Work Group's Public Meetings
- > E-mail us at anrwindpolicy@adamantaccord.com
- > Comment on website: www.vermontwindpolicy.org
- > Mail comments to:
 - Michael Fraysier, ANR Lands Director
Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
103 South Main St., 10 South
Waterbury, VT 05671-0607
 - or
 - Cindy Cook
Adamant Accord, Inc.
PO Box 2
Adamant, VT 05640
- > Call Mike Fraysier, 802-241-3682
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Cindy Cook, Adamant Accord, 802-223-1330.

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.VERMONTWINDPOLICY.ORG

