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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 1, 2016

In the Matter of the Application of Dan's Mountain Wind Force, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 59.5 MW Wind Energy Generating Facility in Allegany County, Maryland

Case No. 9413

F. William DuBois Venable LLP 750 E. Pratt Street, Suite 900 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. DuBois:

The Public Service Commission ("Commission") has reviewed the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to Construct a 59.5 MW Wind Energy Generating Facility in Allegany County, Maryland filed on January 14, 2016 by Dan's Mountain Wind Force, LLC ("Dan's Mountain" or "Applicant"). Dan's Mountain is proposing to construct a 59.5 MW wind generating facility on 28 privately owned parcels totaling approximately 2,800 acres located 3 to 4 miles southeast of the City of Frostburg and approximately 7 miles southwest of the City of Cumberland, Maryland. The Application indicates that this project will have minimal environmental impact, provide economic benefits to the State, and will have an important, positive impact on the stability and reliability of the electrical system.

After review of the Application, the Commission hereby dockets the matter as Case No. 9413, sets the matter for hearing, and delegates the matter to the Public Utility Law Judge Division to conduct the proceedings.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ David J. Collins

David J. Collins **Executive Secretary**

Terry J. Romine, Chief Public Utility Law Judge cc:

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¹ Dan's Mountain obtained of CPCN exemption pursuant to § 7.207.1 for the Project in 2009, with subsequent extensions of the exemption premised on the project being allowed under Allegany County land use requirements. See Application at 1 and Case No. 9164.