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2 Introduced by Representative Johnson of Canaan

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Executive; natural resources; wind energy generation plants;

6 section 248; notice of proposed development to regions and

7 municipalities

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require notice
9 to regional planning commissions and municipalities when the Agency of
10 Natural Resources, the Department of Public Service, or the Natural Resources
11 Board first learns of a proposal for a wind energy generation plant.

12 An act relating to notice of proposed wind energy generation plants

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 2841 is added to read:

15 § 2841. WIND ENERGY GENERATION; INFORMATION TO REGIONS

16 AND MUNICIPALITIES

17 (a) When the Agency, the Department of Public Service, or the Natural
18 Resources Board or an employee of one of these entities learns of the proposal
19 of a wind generation plant, whether from the developer of such a proposed
20 plant or from another source:

1 (1) The state entity subject to this section that first learns of the
2 proposed plant promptly shall notify the affected regional planning
3 commissions and municipalities of the proposed plant by e-mail.

4 (2) With respect to the proposed plant, the Agency, Department of
5 Public Service, and Natural Resources Board shall notify the affected regional
6 planning commissions and municipalities in advance of all meetings and shall
7 copy those commissions and municipalities on all correspondence.

8 (3) The Agency, Department of Public Service, and Natural Resources
9 Board shall keep minutes of all meetings concerning the proposed plant and
10 post copies of those minutes and all correspondence on a web page maintained
11 by the Agency for this purpose. The web page will identify each proposed
12 wind generation plant and its developer and shall associate the minutes and
13 correspondence relevant to the plant with this identification.

14 (b) The Agency, Department of Public Service, and Natural Resources
15 Board may enter into a memorandum of understanding to implement and
16 coordinate their duties under this section.

17 (c) In this section, "plant" shall have the same meaning as in 30 V.S.A.
18 § 8002(14).

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.