**Vermont Standard Offer Program’s First Wind Project Commissioned**

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Addison, VT – On January 23, 2021, the first Standard Offer Program small wind project was commissioned at Forgues Dairy. Jack Forgues, owner of Forgues Dairy, worked with Tom Halnon of Vermont Green Energy Systems throughout the Certificate of Public Good and development process to commissioning. At a height of 100 feet, the two wind turbines were designed by Star Wind Turbines LLC of East Dorset and have a capacity of 50 kW.

“Forgues Dairy Wind is a great example of how the Vermont dairy farmer can contribute to Vermont energy goals,” said Jason Day, Owner, Star Wind Turbines.  “The Vermont Standard Offer Program is the perfect example of how to generate clean energy locally and stimulate the local economy.  This is because the Program pays cash to the project owner for electricity generated.  Forgues Dairy won the competitive Department of Agriculture REAP grant and is also able to take advantage of other tax breaks, making it feasible to construct these small wind turbines.  The turbines are manufactured by Star Wind Turbines LLC in East Dorset, Vermont, and are designed specifically for low sound and higher energy in low to moderate winds.  Visually, the small wind turbines blend in with the farm landscape among the silos, barns and outbuildings.”

The Standard Offer Program was established in 2009, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005a, in order to promote the rapid deployment of small renewable generation through long-term contracts. The total program capacity of 127.5 MW is distributed annually by a least-cost auction RFP.

For more information about the Standard Offer Program, visit [www.vermontstandardoffer.com](http://www.vermontstandardoffer.com) or contact the Standard Offer Facilitator at 802-362-0748.

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