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Please submit my following response to:

Re: Case # Case No. 08-1024-EL-ORD: Wind Turbine Siting Regulations for the State of Ohio, Chapter 4906-17

September 28, 2008

To the Ohio Power Siting Board:


I feel it is somewhat unfair that your regulations were released and such a short time was given to respond to them. I feel that you should have provided a copy to every library in Ohio and that notification be given in every newspaper so that the entire public was made aware of the documentation and more time was given for response.

After reading the Regulations you have proposed for siting industrial wind turbines in Ohio, I feel you are truly concerned about the impact they will have on the people living around them, as well as the wildlife and habitat they may affect. I do, however, still have many concerns.

Overall, my concerns are that the "regulations" seem vague in terms of how the requirements for many aspects of the documentation required by the wind turbines companies will be monitored and/or verified.

I ask that there be clarification that the documentation submitted must be verified to be true and accurate by parties that will have no financial gain from the construction of the wind turbine facilities. And that if, after a wind turbine is up and running, any of the documentation submitted is found to be inaccurate and/or untruthful that there be serious repercussions to the wind company, both financially and substantially to stop them from further construction until future concerns are eliminated; i.e., noise issues; shadow flicker; wildlife and habitat issues; road and bridge repair/maintenance; water tables/aquifer/ residential wells/farm drainage tile issues; erosion/runoff issues.

Specifically, my main disagreement of your regulations is the setback you are setting for the placement of these wind turbines. By setting a minimum setback from a

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residence" of only 750', you are, in effect, denying me the right to access my entire property for any use that I may desire in the future. If a turbine is set 450' from my property line, but only 750' from a residence, you are not allowing me to ever sell off a piece of my property to place another home, or for me to possibly move my own residence if I desire. This is more than unfair; surely it is illegal! How can you allow regulations that take away my right to use my own property as I want? I also live in a densely populated area in rolling hills that have sound, sight, and ice issues that I feel your recommendations fail to adequately address by allowing such lax setbacks, even if you do state them to be "minimum" requirements. I urge you to change that language to safer and more just setbacks before it is too late. 750' from a residence does not honestly address the issues of noise and shadow flicker, or the danger of ice throw or of fire during the dry windy days of fall surrounded by mature crops or their residue or woods filled with dry leaves and kindling.

The other issue that has never been answered adequately throughout this entire process is the use of eminent domain in acquiring property from unwilling property owners in order to connect wind farms to the grid. I don't feel the community has been told the truth of the possibly of this event and ask you to address this issue before allowing industrial wind turbine facilities to become established.

Sincerely,

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