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To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Buckeye Wind Farm Project, case number 08-0666-EL-BGN.

First, let me start off by saying, I am not opposed to Wind Turbines. I am opposed to the current proposed placement of the Turbines in Champaign County. I believe Turbines need to be placed in remote areas (not beside my home). Seeing that I have a neighbor on each side of my home, I do not consider this a remote location. To me, a remote location is on a mountain top, desert, ocean or lake shores.

Below are a few of my reasons I am **opposed** to the Buckeye Wind Farm Project:

1. Negative effects on health: The light flicker from the blades during the day and the strobe lights at the top of the towers at night could cause a person with a seizure disorder to have increased seizure activity. This could cause major if not detrimental mental and physical complications. The constant droning noise from the Turbines could cause a person with Autism to have behavioral issues among other sensory issues. It could cause a person with sensitive hearing to have mental health issues. All of these issues will cause increased medical expenses. Who will pay for these medical bills, Everpower, the land owners?

No Care Flight! I pass through the intersection of the Ludlow (Rt. 814) and US HWY 36 at least two to four times per day. I have seen some really bad accidents at that intersection and Care Flight has been called to this area many times. But if the turbines go in there will be no way to get Care Flight to this area. I guess having turbines to benefit a few financially is more important then a life that hangs in the balance at an accident that Care Flight cannot get to.

When a person is transported via Care Flight from Mercy Memorial Hospital in Urbana to Columbus, they fly directly over where the proposed wind turbines will be.

2. Property devaluation: Neither myself, nor a vast majority of the community I live in want to live in a industrial area. Rather then being called the Buckeye Wind Farm, I think it should be called **The Buckeye Wind Industry**, because that is indeed what it is! But, by calling it a "Farm" it makes it much more marketable. If we wanted to live in an industrial setting, we would have purchased homes elsewhere. Just because a few people in this community want to pad their pockets, they want to devalue my property! I think these few people should pay me the difference for the loss my husband and I will take on our home. When my property value goes down, will my property taxes? You and I both know the answer to that.....NO THEY WILL NOT!

3. My rights as a Tax Paying Resident of Union Township: If I were to have a pole in my yard with a loud speaker on it and I played music as loud as 34 decibels, I would have a Sheriffs Deputy at my front door so fast it would make your head spin. The noise coming from my property would be considered a public nuisance. But yet, it's ok for my neighbor to have a turbine droning on and on, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at 34 decibels or more? Where is the fairness here?

4. Safe Set Backs: In 2008 I contacted Everpower several times to enquire about the turbines themselves and the effects a turbine would have on my property. They were quite the salesmen. They sent me a good size packet of literature that I spent much time reading and researching. One thing that astounds me is the set back regulations the Union Township Trustees have set. Oh yes, Union Township voted on this issue, but like most politics, the facts were kept low key. I would really like there to be another vote again

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since more information has surfaced and people are more aware of what will really take place in their back yards.

The manufacture of the proposed turbines recommends that the turbine be placed at least 1,000 feet from a dwelling to cut down on the noise, light flicker, shadowing from the tower, and debris. Union Township has made it so the setbacks are only 500 feet from a dwelling! It seems to me that the manufacture of the turbines would know better about the setbacks than the Union Township Trustees! Oh, but if we use the 1,000 feet setback, then we could not place as many turbines and then that would cut into personal profits, that most of the Trustees will benefit from personally. For the love of money is the root of all evil.

The Union Township Trustees and Everpower state that the Union Township setback regulations are the same as the wind farm in Indiana. The one thing they fail to mention to the public is that the turbines in Indiana are smaller than the ones proposed for Champaign County.

Another reason for safe setbacks is falling turbine debris and ice throw. These are two known facts that even the manufacture recognize, but the Union Township Trustees seem to ignore.

5. Wildlife and Natural effects: This summer my daughter and I have had the sheer pleasure of watching two young deer and their mother graze, play and rest in our back yard and the field behind us. If these turbines go up, this pleasure will be gone. The noise will drive these animals away. We have also had the pleasure of watching a nest of Red Tail Hawks grow and learn to take flight in our back yard. This too will be stripped away once the turbines are installed. The turbines are to be put into place to "help our environment". How does destroying wildlife help our environment? I enjoy watching the sunset with my family from our deck. This will be something we will no longer be able to enjoy because all we will see is blades cutting through the sun's beauty.


Metal is a lightning conductor. So these massive towers will conduct lightning. Our home was struck by lightning this past summer and it was a terrifying experience. Now we are going to have massive lightning conductors all around our home. This is another reason why a remote area is ideal!

I have watched a community, my community become divided over this project. All so a hand full of people can benefit financially. The other thing that bothers me is that a majority of the land owners do not even live in this county. But yet they have the right to destroy my life, physically, financially and emotionally.

Why not look into solar power for this area. The solar rays are more consistent than the wind! These monstrous towers will be extinct within the next ten years and then we will be stuck with the eye sores.

I have stated a lot of my concerns and I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and I pray that you will take these things into consideration.

Sincerely,



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