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**The Ohio Power Siting Board  
Case No. 08-666-EL-BGN  
Buckeye Wind Champaign County Ohio**

**Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,**

**I would like to protest the large number of 492 foot industrial wind turbines planned in Champaign County by Buckeye Wind LLC. In addition I would like to personally protest that the safety set backs recommended by turbine manufacturers to protect people are measured from my house and not my property line. As you know our County is unlike other areas out West where large turbines have been placed. The only creatures disturbed there are a few antelopes and jack rabbits and of course the sage grouse.**

**The population of Champaign County is around 40,000 unlike Benton County Indiana at 9,000 and we certainly aren't comparable to the landfill at Bowling Green. In addition the Eastern half of the County is within an easy commute to Columbus, Honda at Marysville, Springfield and even Dayton and large numbers of those who will be affected do commute to those locations. They are justifiably upset. I would like to share with you how I feel this project will impact my property and family.**

**We bought our 50 acres because it was beautiful, rural and peaceful, with a wonderful panoramic view and we intended to build our dream home on it. We waited three years for the best builder in the area to become available and with great care and enjoyment we built a home that our family and friends love to visit. We have trails on our property that we use several times a week for exercise. The age range of family using these is 70 down to a 20 month old grandson traveling in a jogging cart pushed by his mother.**

**The back woods are used for hiking, the Miami Valley Hunt and deer hunting in the winter months. In other words we use all of our property, not just the inside of our house.**

**As near as I can tell from the maps given in the application turbine 44 will be only 700 feet from my property line and around 1,700 feet from our house, and 4 other turbines 32, 37, 39 and 41 will loom over us. We will be able to see a total of 26 huge turbines from our residence. My main concern however is the manufacturer Nordex has suggested that a minimum of around 1,640 feet is appropriate for safety which means our family will not be safe using our property beyond 60 feet from the back of our home.**

**Based on my understanding of the impacts of existing turbines on properties within this proximity, I anticipate that noise and shadow flicker from these turbines will destroy our enjoyment of our home and our property and make it uninhabitable. It may also affect our health if the noise causes head aches and sleep disturbance. Mr. Hessler, the noise expert for Everpower and Buckeye Wind stated in testimony that there would be noise disturbance from this project. Mr. James another noise expert**

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**suggested a noise safety factor of 1 ¼ miles as a safe set back to mitigate noise disturbance from this turbine project.**

**I am concerned about the likely adverse impact of the Buckeye Wind facility on the value of our home or the ability to sell our home at all, considering the near proximity of so many turbines and the five that are so very close to our home.**

**It seems to me that the Wind Company has not taken into consideration the population density of the area or the taking of our property rights resulting from measuring from our homes and not our property lines.**

**For the good of the residents of the entire state of Ohio, I hope the OPSB and it's staff will take into consideration population density, and the land use of residents when they make recommendations concerning siting of industrial wind turbines in this project. The first project of it's kind in the State of Ohio.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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