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Subject: RE: OPSB-ContactUs

13-1177-EL-BGN
13-1767-EL-BSB
13-1768-EL-BTX

Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm (OPSB Case Nos. 13-1177-EL-BGN, 13-1767-EL-BSB, and 13-1768-EL-BTX). Your correspondence will be docketed online in the public comments section of the case files.

As you know, the OPSB certificated the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm project last month. Two requests for rehearing are currently pending before the Board. Copies of these requests, as well as the Application, the Staff Report of Investigation, hearing transcripts, and copies of public correspondence are available at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=13-1177>.

The determination of tax monies from this project is determined, in part, by the local county commissioners through a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) program agreement. Hardin County is an established Alternative Energy Zone that will grant a PILOT agreement with a wind developer. The establishment of a PILOT program in Logan County for the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm project would be determined by the Logan County Commissioners. The OPSB is not involved in the PILOT agreement approval process.

Senate Bill 310 remains pending in the Senate Public Utilities Committee. You may track the status of the legislation at <http://lsc.state.oh.us/coderev/sen130.nsf/Senate+Bill+Number/0310?OpenDocument>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions,

Matt

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CASE_NUMBER: 13-1177-176711768-EL-BGN
COMMENTS: I hope this finds a caring, and inquisitive member of the OPSB board, someone who is open to the comments and opinions of the people who will be affected by this project.

We are homeowners of Indian Lake lakefront property. We reside in the area of Long Island. We are DIRECTLY across the Long Island Bay from what are projected to be wind turbines numbers, 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 18, and 21. We returned from winter hiatus only to find our natural lake refuge and home to be imploded with 176 EverPower Wind Turbines, many new roads, lines, substations etc. It seems someone has taken the liberties to plan and approve all of this without the majority of lake residents and others within Logan County. We are totally amazed as to how our elected officials failed to inform us, include us in this major endeavor. Also concerning us greatly is the magnitude of this, and the impact upon our homes, our own personal welfare....health and financial, and the negative impact upon one of Ohio's most natural and recreational areas.

Many of the folks I have spoken with do not have an issue with natural energy resources. In fact most of agree, our country does need many viable and sound resources. But...we do not feel these turbines located this closely to housing, recreational and natural areas to be in that category. I am not going to list the litany of reasons with health, housing appraisals, taxes, PILOT programs, environmental, natural and recreational activities etc., etc. But I am going to try to help you understand the matter for us, or at least try to touch the heart of the matter and how deeply troubling this issue is to us.

We have been in contact with our Logan County Commissioners. We understand that a portion of this program, located in Logan County is in your hands for appeal. We are not asking to appeal the entire project, although looking at all the given information from a purely feasible, economic standpoint, we cannot see where you think this program is beneficial for the whole. We don't understand where you think the PILOT program is a good idea, very fuzzy math, nor why Ohio Tax Law permits EverPower to come away with a profit, which is manipulated away from taxpayers. We also understand the issue of SB 310....on that we truly have conflicting issues.

We are asking you, as the Ohio Power Siting Board to please reconsider approving this project, and if you feel the majority of these windmills are TRULY IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OHIO, please, PLEASE reconsider the windmills 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 18, and 21. These fields need to be placed in more remote areas.....not forced upon our local environment.