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To: The Ohio Siting Board

Please review attachment and file as a public comment with Opposing concerns against Case No. 16-1871-EL-BGN, Project Ice-Breaker

Thank you

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To: The Ohio Power Siting Board

Regarding: Case No. 16-1871-EL-BGN

Ice-breaker Project/LEEDCO

As concerned Cuyahoga County citizens, we would like you to consider some concerns.

- Hundreds of thousands of birds and bats use Lake Erie. Everyday birds use the lake not only for migrating, but are also here during all seasons, day and night.
- We are the "Walleye Capital of the World". We are one of the top 10 fishing locations in the world, have a \$1.5 Billion sport fishing industry, and our charter boat industry is the largest in North America. It is not worth taking a chance harming our \$12 billion coastal tourism resource.
- Our Great Lakes contain 21% of the world's surface fresh water by volume. Lake Erie is the shallowest and warmest of the Great Lakes, making it a very special body of water. It contains a much higher density of fish compared to the other Great Lakes. (Information is from a Ohio Sea Grant presentation on Lake Erie programs and concerns). There may be no other place like it on the planet. Is it truly worth taking a chance on harming Lake Erie's assets? It should be FULLY PROTECTED!
- If these test Wind Turbines are built, there should be a decommissioning cost fully funded to the state or city prior to the project breaking ground. When tax dollars stop, and if the cost is too much to run and maintain these huge Turbines, Norway based Fred. Olsen & Co. simply could walk away, in time leaving us with a very high dollar expense to dismantle and remove them.
- Lake Erie winds are not always constant. Fluctuation in weather conditions will effect energy production. Some people do not think wind turbines are an effective form of power. Initially millions of tax payers' dollars will support the set up and initially there would be jobs, but those would soon decrease.

Some facts about the area's birds and butterflies

- During 2017, 272 different bird species were counted in Cuyahoga County by a very prominent birder and naturalist. (Cleveland.com reported the story tallies until Dec. 21)
- On December 30th 2017 the National Christmas Bird Count was completed. The Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society organized and tallying up the bird counts of the western Cleveland area. On that one day, 77 different species were counted. The counts for just a few of the Lake Erie ducks are as follows; 2,572 Red-breasted Mergansers, 1,624 Common Mergansers, 473 Common Goldeneyes, along with and many more.
- Birds crash into buildings all year round. During the 2017 fall migration, birds were crashing into the downtown Cleveland buildings. An organization called "Lights Out Cleveland" had volunteers collecting them. They collected 1,160 dead birds and they captured and released 595. Volunteers went out during the fall migration time for roughly 4 hours in the morning collecting birds that were found on the sidewalks. The numbers represent a small amount of bird crashes, but not all are found. Point being that birds do

run into things. Birds also have been reported dead due to communication towers and wind turbines. Wind Turbine companies have been known to pay thousands of dollars in fines because of certain protected bird deaths.

- Lake Erie is definitely a migration route for thousands of birds but, Monarch butterflies migrate across Lake Erie as well. Their flight path could also cross through the area that the turbines are proposed to be. In 2012, on one day of the butterflies' migration, hundreds of Monarch butterflies landed in the trees at Wendy Park. They migrated from the north and the ones that made it across the lake spent the night huddled together in large numbers until the day warmed up. Many people witnessed this as well as seen them cross the lake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Concerned citizens for our Great Lake Erie,

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