

Public comment for 18-0488-EL-BGN

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COMMENTS: I currently am in the process of starting to build a home in this area. Luckily I am within the radius that will not permit these eye sores due to eagle nesting. However, I will be able to see them off in the distance. I feel that these turbine will make major impacts to our bird populations and bat populations as seen in previous research. I do not wish to deal with increase mosquito issues due to predators of these bugs. Mosquito's are known as vector for many different diseases and I do not wish to increase those type of issues in our area. I also do not appreciate the impact that it will have on the value of property in the area. I feel that landowners that participate in this program should require a signed agreement with near by home owners as well as some compensation as the near by homes will be greatly impacted without any say in this source of energy.

Really who wants to see and hear a 600ft wind turbine every time they look outside or walk out the door. I do believe in green renewable sources of energy, but feel that areas such as out west where there are more acres available with little to no residential impact are better for these wind turbines. In an area such as Seneca county you are impacting too many homes. Sometimes farmers/land owners don't see the value in their neighbors. They are concerned with income which is understandable. I feel though this is an impact that affects others and not just themselves. This factor of affecting neighboring citizens should have a major impact and inhibit the further progress on allowing these turbines to be built.

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COMMENTS: I oppose Seneca Wind LLC (Docket # 18-0488-EL-BGN) from building in Seneca County.

It is my understanding that most of the wind turbines being proposed in Ohio are a costly ineffective source of intermittent energy and a waste of tax payer incentives. The 574 foot turbines proposed for our county could alter the natural flow of water due to the numerous sinkholes/karst flooding in our area and underground rivers. The ground will need to be blasted to secure these structures. Ground water contamination has occurred in other locations where industrial turbines have been installed with a similar geology.

There will be about 10 Non-union maintenance positions left after Apex is done. It is shameful that the state won't assist Davis Besse to stay open with subsidies like they are giving these Multinational wind companies. There are 706 good paying jobs at Davis Besse. There are another 2100 plus people working at First Energy nuclear plants. The truth is if we blanketed the entire state of Ohio with these giant turbines they still would not produce a fraction of the energy produced at Davis Besse alone! These projects don't provide the solid employment that props up the economy in the long run. We will sacrifice our natural resources, our property values and our utility bills will go up just like they have in other states with numerous turbine projects that have to be paid for with our tax dollars and utility bills. These turbines will strain the bat population which is already on decline. The bat which is one of the few creatures we have lowering nuisance insect populations such as mosquitoes naturally.

There is significant data indicating that property values decline significantly on average for homes within the proximity of these industrial turbines. Even at the current setback the noise pollution from these turbines will be significant and audible for over a mile away. I understand that some residents have experienced health issues from the infra-sound associated with these turbines.

It is my understanding that the wind industry is lobbying hard in Ohio to change the setback in order to allow these structures to be placed closer to parks, schools, wetlands, nature preserves, roadways and homes where their ice throws, noise and flickering shadow can not only be disruptive but dangerous. Surrounding states have much higher setbacks to ensure public safety. We have a numerous buzzards, hawks, cranes and even eagles in this area. What happens when that massive turbine throws one of those buzzards onto a park where our children are playing or through a school bus window? Placing these massive machines so close to roadways is a serious public hazard, much like a bridge falling into disrepair under which motorists pass under every day. Even a bat could cause serious injury to a pedestrian hit from nearly 600 ft. in the air. Please consider the following data concerning the distance the turbines can throw debris. Ice Throws: at 300 Ft. Turbine can throw ice 1700 ft.

<http://xray.rutgers.edu/~matilsky/windmills/throw.html>

It would be especially unfortunate if a person with special needs, seizures or persons wearing hearing aides were in the nearby structures or parks.

This project not only lacks any regard for public safety but is dangerous. Any "billions of dollars" that the state/county hopes to gain will be lost in litigation over the obvious disregard for safety in planning such projects in densely populated areas like Seneca County. Even if the State further reduces the setback litigation will follow as surrounding states have already established setbacks for safety that Ohio is willfully ignoring.

As the technology advances in other forms of energy these industrial wind turbines will be seen in the future as a massive mistake. Our community leaders have been blinded to planning and foresight in an attempt to greedily grab taxpayer money.

Sincerely, Deb Hay

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