

Public comment for 17-2295 and 18-0488

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COMMENTS: I would like to file a complaint/concern about the proposed wind farms in Seneca County. As a lifetime resident of this area, I am greatly concerned about what these proposed turbines would do to our county. Not only would residents move from the county, no new residents would move into the county. Who would want to live in an area that has a tower taller than the Washington Monument rotating in their backyard?

My husband and I have been working very hard to be able to attain our dream of building our forever home. Nine years ago we chose to purchase a small 1000 square foot home in the Village of Attica, knowing it would be our starter home as well as knowing it was the area in which we wanted to live due to the school system (even though we had no children at the time). We both grew up in this area and it is important to us to live near our family, friends and the traditions we grew up with. Now we are finally able to put into motion our dream home, unfortunately that is where our dream comes to a screeching halt. The family farm in which we have always dreamed of and planned on building on has a 600 foot tall wind turbine proposed to be some 1000 feet away. We are struggling with the decision to move out of the county completely to escape these monstrous towers. Not only are we concerned with what these will do to land value and resale value of our home, but also the health implications it can bring forth; the shadow flicker, the roaring sounds, the potential failures to the turbines, etc.

Do I want to sit in my backyard watching my 3 young (ages 7 and under) children play with a turbine on the adjacent land? Would you want the tranquility you crave disturbed by something completely out of

your control or would you want to be able to vote on if these turbines plaque your beautiful, rural, serene setting? What kind of effect will it have on our cattle that are pastured there?

I have not been able to get answers from anyone - the OPSB or the project managers about building on the land. It's frustrating and upsetting that we may not be able to reach our goal because the elected officials choose money and big wind companies over the people they were voted to represent. I've contacted the Seneca County Commissioners, to which I was told to contact the OPSB. One of the Commissioners used Seneca County's number one industry of agriculture, as a platform to be voted in as commissioner. Now she has completely gone against everything she said in order to bring in a few extra bucks. That is not representing the people of the county. That is doing what is best for her politically. I am very concerned about these proposed projects. I know many people that are very concerned about these proposed projects. The Commissioners were presented a petition earlier this week with 1,100 signatures that oppose the turbine project, and I can guarantee that is not everyone that is opposed them. Our Commissioners act as if their hands are tied and they are supporting the big wind companies. Please be our voice, if nothing else, at least allow us to vote on if some 130 turbines go up in our county. Do not allow these turbines to plague our county. I believe there is a place for wind turbines - unpopulated areas or industrial parks - not scattered throughout residential areas.

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