Please file the email below and the article at <a href="http://www.sanduskyregister.com/story/201807060010">http://www.sanduskyregister.com/story/201807060010</a> as public comment in 16-1871-EL-BGN.

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To: Puco ContactOPSB < <a href="mailto:contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov">contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov</a>>

Subject: Sandusky Register | Last call to block Lake Erie wind turbines?

Dear Matt

If you could pls add this to Case 16 1871 EL BGN Icebreaker?

Thank you.

I am planning to attend on the 19th. How early should folks come in order to be sure to be able to speak?

Best wishes

Sherri

http://www.sanduskyregister.com/story/201807060010

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# Last call to block Lake Erie wind turbines?

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## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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### John Hageman

Cleveland gets no respect. Their citizens remain an optimistic bunch, considering how often their sports teams come up short of a first-place trophy (2016 Cavaliers notwithstanding); still get teased for their river catching fire and Mayor Kucinich running the city into bankruptcy.

Now, in the name of job creation, many union leaders and government officials are getting duped by wind industry promoters to support off-shore wind turbines within sight of their downtown skyline.

However, if this foolish project is approved by state regulatory agencies, the joke will be on their citizens who will pay inflated electrical rates for the privilege of occasionally seeing blades spinning on the horizon.

The primary winners will be the hucksters who will cash in on tens of millions of dollars of our tax money to conduct this experiment in which the results are all but pre-determined.

Some of us will not live long enough to see it, but despite untested promises to the contrary, I'd wager that as these ugly monoliths cease to operate as expected in 20-to-30 years, their obsolete carcasses will spoil the scenery for decades to come, joining the factory ruins already surrounding the lake from Detroit to Buffalo.

Radar images, GPS transmitter tracking data and evening bird call flight recordings document millions of birds and bats crossing the lake during their spring and fall migrations — a prime reason to site wind farms inland.

Monopolizing fishing spots, creating a boating obstacle course not pin-pointed on GPS navigational map chips and a fall zone for blades which may shear off are recreational boating concerns.

Excuse me for being fiercely protective of MY Lake Erie, a public trust resource that I dedicated my career to understand and protect. I do not want to see thousands of acres of surface water privatized to the exclusion of my own or other like-minded citizen's use.

I am also offended knowing that the promoters resort to dishonesty to further their objectives, because the public would not support wind energy if the true environmental and social costs were known, such as:

— Hiding the true magnitude of birds and bats killed by the blades and tower by deliberately manipulating and withholding mortality data, citing trade secrets.

According to the 501 (c) (3) organization, Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, (CFACT), "No other industry has ever been or would be allowed to operate under such regulatory blindness."

- Down-playing problems with noise, shadow flicker and flying debris when the blades shear off (disassemble)- and paying neighbors "hush money" to not complain.
- The cost of the energy produced using wind vs. fossil fuels and the inability to produce electricity during calm or high wind periods.

According to CFACT, the cost to install the offshore units off of the coast of Rhode Island was \$150,000 per household served.

Germany, a nation that provides over 1.1 trillion in subsidies to get 16.3 percent of their power from wind (Clean Energy Wire), has halted offshore wind turbine construction there as too expensive — even by wind standards.

During most of July 4, none of the four wind turbines were spinning at the Wood County landfill because of calm winds, while temperature was in the 90s. It's a good thing that we still have reliable sources of electrical production to keep our air conditioners running.

The American Bird Conservancy and the Black Swamp Bird Observatory are solidly opposed to construction of wind turbines anywhere within three miles of the Great Lakes, based upon scientific bird migration data.

Unfortunately, some other conservation organizations have endorsed the project despite their toll on migratory birds and bats as part of their bigger agenda against the politically incorrect fossil fuel industry.

Bat populations, already devastated by a rampant disease called white-nose syndrome, are spiraling toward extinction due to overwhelming wind turbine mortality.

Norm Schultz, President Emeritus of Ohio's Lake Erie Marine Trades Association, recently wrote that they and the Michigan Boating Industries Association both oppose destroying the unique vista of an unbroken horizon that lakefront property owners; resort, park, marina and beach-goers; and others currently enjoy — in trade for a few megawatts of electricity.

If properly sited, many of us do not fundamentally oppose wind turbines, but off-shore in the Great Lakes and in migratory bird corridors are unacceptable, illogical locations to erect them.

If you agree, please considering attending the last Ohio Power Siting Board public meeting about the Cleveland wind turbines, scheduled for 6 p.m. on July 19 at the Cleveland City Council Chambers, 601 Lakeside Avenue- 2nd floor, to offer comments on the topic.

#### Public comment 16-1871-EL-BGN

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COMMENTS: You are considering the siting of a major industrial wind turbine site. The devastation to bats and birds will be significant. Please consider the information in this article:

 $(\underline{http://savetheeagles international.org/new/wind-farms-more-health-issues.html})$ 

- Birds and bats are being killed at an astonishingly increasing rate as the number of industrial wind turbines increase.
- Mosquito populations are rising at an alarming rate.
- Bat kills in one location can impact locations thousands of miles away.
- Bats are long lived and slow to reproduce. Scientists are worried that some of the most useful bat species (e.g. Hoary bats) will not recover and become extinct Fatalities at wind turbines may threaten population viability of a migratory bat
- Birds and bats provide a natural way of keeping mosquitoes and other problem insects (e.g. Lyme disease ticks) in check.
- Mosquitoes spread diseases like Zika, Malaria, and West Nile Virus. These diseases are spreading throughout the US and Europe.
- Communities are beginning to increase chemical spraying, including aerial spraying of Naled over millions of acres in the US. Naled is toxic to bees and butterflies. The European Union banned Naled in 2012, citing "potential and unacceptable risk showed for human health."
- Politicians and Industrial Wind companies are not going to give in easily, as billions of dollars (and euros) in subsidies are at stake.

From: David Greene [mailto:dgreene624@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 4:10 PM

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**Subject:** Icebreaker Windpower

Ohio Power Siting Board 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio

Dear Board Officials.

I want more clean energy, specifically wind energy for Ohio because Ohio is behind all other Mid-Western states in clean energy production. We are also one of the worst states for air quality due partly to coal burning power plants. I want Ohio to be a leader in clean energy and the high paying jobs they generate. I also feel we will be changing our energy production despite political opposition due to the economic and health benefits of clean energy.

Please promote and support clean energy proposals such as wind and solar in future decisions.

David Greene 806 Francis Av COL OH 43209 614 231 8417 From: Linda [mailto:zoltenwooddesign@aol.com]

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Leedco project suggestion:

Add a series of tiny flaps or holes onto the ends of the blades that can create a high frequency signal that bothers birds & bats that humans aren't bothered by: They avoid the blades.

I can't make it to the feedback meeting at City Hall, thanks for taking my comment!

Linda Zolten Wood

Sent from my iPhone

----Original Message-----

From: oakley janice [mailto:janiceelaineoakley@yahoo.com]

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#### Testimony

I have listened to most of the anti wind testimony before the statehouse energy committees regarding the wind setback rules and most of the opposition is because of the noise of wind turbines on neighboring properties in NW Ohio. It seems to me that putting the turbines in Lake Erie, though probably much more expensive will not disturb neighbors, and therefore, is a good compromise. Ohio needs to get into the 21st century with the rest of the world. We are going to have to rely on renewables much more and fossil fuel, much less- for environmental reasons. So, lets get over this NIMBY view of it. We tolerated smokestacks during the 20th century because that was the price we paid for energy. Tolerating wind turbines should be much easier- especially since any obstructed view will be so far out in the lake as to be negligible. And, I believe that Leeds has worked to eliminate other obstacles- like bird kills etc. Lets get on with this project. Please represent me and my views in deciding your vote- I'm a 71 year citizen.

Janice Oakley 925 Canyon View Rd. #203 Sagamore Hills, OH 44067 330-468-2488 This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

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