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To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: Good Morning Matt- Please add to public comments

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Less than two years ago, the EPA determined that Lake Erie must be protected from any and all sources of potential and real pollution! And now, less than eighteen months later, the EPA claims that industrialization of Lake Erie by an industrial wind energy facility falls within the standards of the Clean Water Act! This is contradictory, and even hideous! If truly committed to the protection, the survival, the clean up of the Great Lakes- and currently Lake Erie, they would be screaming mad at this proposed debacle.

Knowing the "behind closed doors" workings of our government, it should be obvious to all who read this, and then hear of the support of industrial wind turbine construction in the Lake by the EPA, that something smells worse than the toxic algae that also threatens the drinking water of nearly 12 million tax paying citizens from around the Lake, which includes two countries and four states.

Feb. 24, 2017:

At the 8th Binational Meeting of the Lake Erie Millennium Network, 125 scientists gathered at the University of Windsor in Ontario to hear experts weigh-in on the health of the southernmost, warmest and shallowest of the Great Lakes.

They presented research on everything from climate change, water quality, phosphorous, agricultural run-off, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), hypoxia (deficiency in oxygen), cladophora (green algae) to ice, invasive species, sediment concentrations, and much, much more.

Lake Erie is the smallest of the Great Lakes by volume, and yet it has the highest population living along it's shorelines, which makes it more vulnerable to pollution and many other problems than the rest of the Great Lakes.

The Canadian province of Ontario as well as the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan share its shoreline. Nearly 12 million people get their drinking water from Lake Erie.

Its primary inlet is the Detroit River.

Lake Erie is important not just for its drinking water, beaches, swimming and boating, but for its fish. The number of anglers on Lake Erie is greater than any other of the Great Lakes.

The lake, unfortunately, is famous for getting so polluted in the late 1960's, one of its tributaries caught fire. The incident helped lead to the formation of the EPA, the Clean Water Act and other regulatory agencies and regulations.

Over the past fifty years, there have been incredible improvements to the quality of Lake Erie, but the scientists at the conference admitted they were concerned about some of the old issues that led to Lake Erie's pollution returning once again without constant research, monitoring and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
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COMMENTS: In my capacity as a former advanced technology program manager at NASA Glenn Research Center, I strongly support the Icebreaker Wind Facility project. Ohio needs as many clean sources of energy as we can safely develop and implement. We need the diversity of sources to secure our energy future, particularly given the likely future loss of our nuclear options. While coal and natural gas will be important sources of our energy for years to come, we must decrease their use as quickly as we can and back-fill their loss with renewable sources. Our planet depends on Ohio doing its part. Ohio must embrace as many renewable efforts as we can pursue.

Holderbaum, Robert

From: Jim Embrescia <JEmbrescia@ibew38.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB
Cc: Beth Nagusky; Dennis Meaney
Subject: Project Icebreaker

My name is Jim Embrescia. I am a 33year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 38. IBEW local 38 was chartered in 1895.

I am a journeyman Electrician & currently a Business Rep. for the local.

I'm here tonight to speak on behalf of 3000 members & their families. I ask that our members that are present, and all members of Cleveland Building Trades affiliates, to please rise for the committee.

The wind turbines you see around town, at the Great Lakes Science Center, Lincoln electric, CWRU, & the 2 at Sopko & Son manufacturing, have all been wired by our members working for union electrical shops.

Innovation is a part of the fabric of Cleveland. From the early auto industry, the pioneering work done at GE's Nela Park thru the years, to work that was done at NASA's Glenn research center to get us to the moon & beyond, to the great medical campuses, Cleveland has been front and center.

Now is the time for the next pioneering industry, clean alternative energy sources. We have turbines on land, now is the time to make the next step & see what turbines out on the lake can produce. We were very glad to see that the Ohio Power Siting Board staff found in its staff report that this project is in the public interest and can be done without harming the environment. We believe that good jobs and a healthy environment go hand in hand.

This pilot project will lead to a clean energy industry encompassing the manufacturing, the transportation, & the construction of this technology & Cleveland can be the leader.

Thank you

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From: Eileen Brady <ebrady929@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 9, 2018 10:47 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: Wind Turbine Cleveland shoreline PLEASE VOTE NO

Hello Siting Board:

Please DO NOT allow wind turbines in Lake Erie. Fresh water is only 2-1/2% of the earth. Fish can hear 14 miles. Electricity would cost much more and in the end downtown residents, including all poor sections of town would suffer. Please do not allow a foreign country company to have control of Lake Erie Trust. Please do not allow this.

VOTE NO please.

Thank you
Eileen Brady

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Holderbaum, Robert

From: Scott Viciano <sviciano@ventower.com>
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: Ventower Industries in support of Icebreaker Wind - case# 16-1871-EL-BGN
Attachments: Ventower-Icebreaker-Support_Letter-8_9_18.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see attached our letter of support for the Icebreaker Wind Project (case# 16-1871-EL-BGN). As an established wind component supplier, our company would welcome any dialogue or questions that you may have.

Thank you.

Best,

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August 8, 2018

RE: Support of the Icebreaker Wind Project (case# 16-1871-EL-BGN)

To Whom It May Concern,

Ventower Industries is delighted to submit a letter of support for the Icebreaker Wind Project that is in the process of being deployed on Lake Erie.

Ventower Industries and Icebreaker's project team have had continued dialogue spanning the past 3 plus years regarding how to expand Great Lakes manufacturing for offshore wind project components. Through these discussions, it has become evident that Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. has positioned itself as a global leader in the US offshore wind space through its extensive development experience.

Our companies can work together to ensure a successful, commercial-scale industry that can flourish here on Lake Erie. With this project's approval we would tap into our region's manufacturing DNA and be able to create expanded, long-term and good paying manufacturing jobs.

Not to mention a much needed new, clean and proven way of generating electricity. With the move away from traditional power generation and the closing of many coal-fired power plants in our area, offshore wind can be a real success for our region.

Our team looks forward to all future discussions and opportunities with Icebreaker Wind. The Ventower team very much appreciates Icebreaker Wind's support and belief in the development of a sustainable, domestic supply chain and for their commitment to offshore wind power generation.

Our company and our employees (both whom reside in Michigan & Ohio) are in full support of this project moving forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and concerns as you continue to review the details of this project.

Respectfully,

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