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From: Charles Groth <cpgroth@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 5, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: 18-0488-EL-BGN: Seneca Wind Farm
Attachments: HistoricInv1.pdf; HistoricInv2.pdf

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I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed Seneca Wind turbine project.

My wife and I purchased our 1840's stone house in the middle of a peaceful, quiet, and picturesque section of Seneca County in 2009. Surrounded by farm land, trees, and a creek, our home is a truly relaxing and peaceful refuge, and a life-long dream come true for my wife. Our children are free to play outside, with only the sound of birds chirping and the knocking of the wood pecker tapping in the trees. Our house is located on a quiet road with little traffic. We enjoy opening the windows in the evening to let in the cool night air. Ours is the middle of three properties in a row all identified by the Ohio Historic Inventory as being eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The attached OHI listings for these properties state that this entire area is eligible for historic district status as shown in boxes 12 and 14. We have spent countless hours in the process of restoring our property, and were recognized by the Tiffin Historic Trust with a historic preservation award in 2013.

So much of what we chose this property for will be lost if this project is allowed to be built. No longer will we have the quiet countryside, but the sound of rotating turbines. Our starry night skies will become a sea of blinking red lights. Our property has also been home to a large colony of bats for at least the last 50 years. The effects of the turbines will be devastating for these creatures that are as much a part of the property as our house. We will effectively be thrust out of a rural historic landscape and dropped in the middle of industrial factories that tower in the sky. Our quiet setting will be replaced by heavy machinery tearing up our surroundings, leaving behind industrial machines standing 648 feet at full height, making them the 5th largest buildings in the state of Ohio. While a few will receive compensation for hosting them on their lands, the rest of us will be paying the cost. We will pay with the cost of effects that the wind company have required lease holders to waive rights upon which to sue, such as noise pollution, infrasound, shadow flicker, destruction of wildlife, and decreased home values.

I worry particularly about the safety of my family and property should these industrial machines be installed. We are not permitted to see any information that can objectively tell us what is a safe distance from these turbines as they are hidden behind "trade secrets". The purpose of the government is to protect citizens, which cannot be accomplished when such vital information is withheld. The only reference we have available is a manual that was submitted for the Greenwich wind project on 3-22-16, which Vestas recommends 1300 feet between turbines and people, and Nordex micro siting guide says there should be at least 1640 feet. Those turbines are significantly smaller than the proposed 648 foot models. It is only logical to believe that as they have grown taller, that distance could not be anything but much farther, however, as of the documents submitted by July 16 show, the Seneca Wind project would average ONLY 1180 FEET! This is fundamentally unsafe for all involved!

As years have passed, the truth about these projects becomes clearer and clearer. The people who would be most affected by these machines have resoundingly responded that we do not want them in our county. The growth and collective voice here in Seneca County is evidence. There are even a growing number of lease holders and "good neighbors" that now regret their decision to participate and now want this project put to a halt. I urge you to respect our petition and deny this application.

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Holderbaum, Robert

From: Ed Clark <ethog3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: North Central News Letter

Matt,

Below is a new letter that North Central Electric has put out for August. It is on pages 24 & 25 and shows their concerns with the wind turbines not only in Seneca County , but for tr future cost and reliability of electric for Ohio. Don't you think that maybe we need to stop and take a look at the big picture vs propaganda the the wind industry is putting out? I think you will find it interesting.

<https://issuu.com/ohiocooperativeliving/docs/northcentral?e=28927513/63490499>

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Thank You
Ed Clark

Holderbaum, Robert

From: Ed Clark <ethog3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 11:53 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: Seneca Wind / Republic Wind

<https://windwisefairhaven.wordpress.com/2017/04/02/an-open-letter-from-dr-nina-pierpont/>

Matt,

The above website discusses the International Standards Origination finding from being exposed to infrasound. I find it amazing the the United States is still ignoring these findings scene other countries have dealt with these type problems longer than us here in the United States and have been doing studies on these industrial wind farms. If taken the time to look at these findings I would think that we would look at the wind farms in a different light, and would increase the distances to exposure to the turbines. AS we look for more data related to the infrasound and setbacks, we are finding other states in the USA along withe other countries are moving them away from people and farms because of the health impacts. We are starting to see insurance companies excluding farmers from their polices and forcing them to get different types of coverage for the land that the turbines are located on.

If we go back to 2010 when John Deer Renewable was signing up our locale farmer they were told the turbines were to be around 100 feet tall. I think our local people were missed lead as to what the projects were to entail and the ones that now want to be released form these contract should have the opportunity to get out of the contracts. These contracts were sold multiple times to different companies. The contracts were differently written in the favor of the wind industries.

I ask that someone please review the above attachment and take this in consideration of our wind project and any future wind project in the state of Ohio.

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Thank You
Ed Clark

Holderbaum, Robert

From: jeannepasko@juno.com <webmaster@puc.state.oh.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 12:41 PM
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Submitted: Aug 7, 2018 12:40 PM

RENDER: server
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CASE_NUMBER: 18-0488-EL-BGN

COMMENTS: No information seems to be available concerning blade shear and throw in conjunction with the proposed wind turbines to be erected in Eden Twp, Seneca County and the existing two 42" compressed natural gas pipelines. Where is the scientific study and model showing the possibility and probability of blade shear thrown from erected wind turbines puncturing this pipeline and the wide spread devastation it would create? What were the findings on the facing of the wind turbines or set-backs required to eliminate any possibility of this occurring? I would like to see the finding of the study and scientific model made addressing this likelihood as well as comments from the owners of the pipeline regarding the proposed wind turbines and any concerns their engineers deemed feasible and the studies that were done to set aside their concerns.

Holderbaum, Robert

From: cpopa45@hotmail.com <webmaster@puc.state.oh.us>
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COMPANY_NAME: Seneca WIND
CASE_NUMBER: 16-1421-EL-BGN
COMMENTS: I am writing to you to say NO to Seneca Wind, do not allow this wind farm project to go through. I have not been convinced that this is the answer to global warming or energy problems. The electricity obtained will not be used in Ohio. I am concerned about the many negative affects: loss of scenic skyline, lights, shadow flicker, noise, vibration, and ice throws. I am concerned about the affects on the bird, bats, and other wild life as well as the water tables and the land. It could lower my property values. PLEASE SAY NO