

Public comment 17-2295

I oppose the wind turbines

Kelley Miller

12 years ago, my husband and I had a plan to build our dream home. We purchased some property far enough away from the city limits, away from any industrial areas and began paying our loan in hopes to build while our children were still young. After several years of hard work and saving, we were able to make our dream come true. Our children were 4 and 6. For the last 4 years we have been blessed to live in such a beautiful part of Seneca County. We are living our American dream...We take pride in taking care of our home and property. It is very unfortunate that the residents that will be affected directly by the wind farms were unaware of the plans for developing these turbines. I am sure there are still several residents that don't even know what is about to happen. Not everyone is on Facebook, or reads the newspaper. We never received anything in the mail. There are so many reasons that my family does not want these built in our county. The potential noise, infrasound, disruption/end to wildlife, the view, possible effects to our health, the maintenance of the turbine or lack of, the lights at night, the dangers of having them sooooo close to homes, roads, property lines. But the pro wind folks will say what about the money? We never had it before and we are doing just fine. What about the "clean energy"? I am not against the "clean energy", if it is efficient. You can't say that they will even be at least 50% efficient. It is just a shame that we have no voice of higher government to listen to us and to back us. The townships don't have the zoning rights...You do. But you don't know us personally, or know our stories. You do not have anything to lose by allowing this. I don't even know if you are actually reading these comments. Life is busy and for some, their job, is just a job. I hope that someone in your department will really listen and take to heart how many lives this will be affecting in a negative way. A few of our commissioners have voiced that our county residents are very excited for this to come to our county. That is not true at all. Yes, some are very much for them...Money talks, and many people are not educated on the full details of what having an industrial sized turbine near their house would entail. It has been said that Apex was handing out \$500.00 checks to anyone that stopped in to sign a "good neighbor" form. It's unfortunate that some people are so naive and don't even look at what the "good neighbor" waiver states. Some of our county commissioners have leased properties to the big wind company. How is that fair for us to have them represent us, the people that voted them in, when they will personally gain financially? Money is the root of all evil. Our county is not missing what they already don't have. I sincerely hope that you take your position seriously and listen to how the whole community feels. I hope someone in your department will think outside the box and not approve this. Industrial sized turbines do not belong near our homes. I hope that my children and my family can continue to enjoy our peaceful country home without the addition of the wind turbines. This sounds like a rambling mess, but these are my true feelings. I hope all 7 of the voting department will read and will listen to us before deciding on what is best for our county and community.

Adrienne Smith

I need to correct a mistake on my previous comment...it is not the County commissioners that have signed leases, it is some township trustees. Which I don't think that is fair for them to be able to represent the residents when they have something to gain financially. There is no one to help the residents with their concerns. The Ohio Power Siting Board is the only one that can put a stop to the project. So, please listen to what is being said from the people that do not want these in our townships.

Adrienne Smith

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