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The Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
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Dear Board Members,

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At an open house meeting of Apex Clean Energy in Bellevue, Ohio, Dalton Carr, an Apex employee, explained to a group of people that the wind across Seneca County is very high quality wind. Because of Lake Erie, there is a steady "river of wind". The question was then asked, "Wouldn't migrating birds follow a route like that? Mr. Carr said Seneca County is in a migratory route for birds, and Apex would be required to curtail their turbines during the migration period.

Was Mr. Carr correct when he told the group the turbines would be curtailed during migration? Who would require and enforce Apex to curtail their turbines during migration? How long a period would be required to ensure the safe travel of the migrating birds? Will Seneca Wind, sPower, have the same requirements?

You are probably already aware there is strong opposition to these wind projects throughout Seneca County. Residents in rural areas are rightfully concerned about many environmental factors. One substantial worry is the harm that will be done to birds and bats due to these turbines. If appropriate restrictions are not mandated, bat and bird populations will significantly decline.

In addition to curtailing the turbines during migration, the Board needs to require the turbine cut-in speeds to be increased from the usual 3.5 meters per second. Since bats don't like to fly when it's windy, an increase in the cut-in speed could save thousands of bats and limit the impact of the turbines that would destroy them.

Sincerely,


Linda Coffman

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