

To: OPSB

Attached find the testimony of Robert and Judith Watson filing for the following cases:

Republic Wind Farm 17-2295-EL-BGN

Seneca Wind Farm 18-0488-EL-BGN

Emerson Creek Wind Farm 18-1607-EL-BGN

Respectively,

Robert and Judith Watson

**Testimony of Robert and Judy Watson  
Seneca County  
To The Ohio Power Siting Board**

Testimony presented in opposition to Wind Turbines proposed for Republic Wind Farm 17-2295-EL-BGN, Seneca Wind Farm 18-0488-EL-BGN, and Emerson Creek Wind Farm 18-1607-EL-BGN

My husband and I are retired from professional jobs. I retired from Seneca East Schools, after 41 years in education, as High School Principal. My husband, Bob, retired after 48 years in accounting from Tiffin University as Assistant Vice-President and Controller. We are lifelong residents of Seneca County owning properties in Reed and Scipio Townships. These farms have been in the family for some 4-5 generations. Presently our son and daughter both have families that live on or adjacent family owned farm land. Both children and grandchildren were involved in raising and showing Registered Holstein cattle at the county, state and national level. At the current time, some grandchildren are continuing the 4-H tradition by raising and/or exhibiting beef feeder cattle, rabbits, goats, honey bees, and chickens. Through the last 40 years, our children and grandchildren have experienced valuable life lessons through 4-H, and these experiences along with the lessons learned from living on the farm are cherished. With that said, our families have remained here and continue to love the farm life.

As the above mentioned projects progressed we were repeatedly approached by Apex (Republic Wind Project) and S-Power (Seneca Wind Project) representatives to sign a good neighbor agreement of which we have refused to sign. We continue to live here because of the secure peaceful atmosphere that the farm environment offers. After researching the pros and cons regarding the industrial wind turbines intended to be erected by these planned projects we have decided the set-back guidelines should not be reduced and strongly question the placement of the industrial wind turbines in this area.

One of the reasons we are in strong opposition to the wind turbine projects designed for Seneca County is because of the populated density in this county. The proximity of the industrial wind turbines is too close to the rural households, thus generating adverse effects detrimental to citizens who live here. Just to mention a few; wind turbines generate ice throw, noise, infrasound, bird and bat killing, shadow flicker, and mechanical failures which include blade failure and fire from overheating. These industrial wind farms, if built, will take away from this community what many generations of our and other community families took lifetimes to build. It will never be the same. The environment and human/animal health are very likely to be negatively impacted. In research conducted by Dr. Mariana Pereira concerning the effects of infrasound, evidence has been cited that supports the harmful effect infrasound has on the heart. The research cites definite issues relating to heart disease and heart failure. Europe has had thirty years of experience and research on this subject. It would seem only logical that we should look at countries that have used IWT's and learn from their findings. (Reference "Stopthesethings.com" "Silent Killer", a You Tube presentation of research by Dr. Mariana Alves Pereira.)

As conscious citizens we must recognize individual property rights and we must assure public health and safety for ALL individuals. We ask that our rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness be preserved.

Please consider the negative effects of wind turbines and stop these projects. Thank you for the opportunity to consider our feedback.

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Republic, OH

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