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Re: Seneca County Wind Turbine Project: #18-0488-EL-BGN

Dear Board Members:

Since the February 19, 2019 meeting in Tiffin has been cancelled, I wanted to share the letter I had prepared for that meeting. It is as follows:

Thank you for coming to Seneca County and allowing its citizens to voice their opinions on the Seneca and Republic Wind projects. We appreciate your time.

My name is Donna Kin and my husband is Garry Kin. On November 11, 2018, I sent an email regarding my opposition to these wind projects. So some of this may already be in your file, but since you are here I want to elaborate a little further.

We have built three homes in Eden Township, starting when we were only in our early twenties. In all of them we did most of the work ourselves. On our present (and last) home, we have worked tirelessly making our own woodwork and meticulously finishing every interior room and the outside. We have a lovely patio that we completed with stone walls and pavers with an outdoor built-in grill. This home has been an ongoing project for the last 30 years. Our home sits on a very high hill overlooking pasture and farm land with 5.4 acres with a beautiful view. There is a spring that produces a gallon of water an hour in the bottom land. We've bought many loads of fill-dirt to have a very nice back yard. **Will the construction of wind turbines ruin our view and our water supply?**

The reason we bought this land was for the view even though it was a challenge to build a home on it. The farmer, we bought the land from 31 years ago, has signed all of his land that mostly surrounds our home to the Seneca Wind Project. A representative from Seneca Wind told me the closest turbine to me would be nine-tenths of mile from our home. We love this home and we have invested upwards of \$350,000 plus not to mention all the precious time we spent with our children and grandchildren. We have made many memories and hoped to someday pass this property on to our family. We are in our 70's and want to enjoy the remaining years we have left in our home and not have wind turbines in our view. Not to mention our health problems and the health risks we have learned about from the World Health Organization related to Wind Turbines.

One other adorable part of our family is our Yorkie, Charlie. He is six years old. He loves his walks on our small country road. He can hear the trash pickup person every Thursday morning from a mile away and he lets us know the truck is coming. **How will the noise of the Wind Turbines affect him? Will he enjoy his walks? Will he cower in a corner in our home? Will shadow flicker be in our kitchen window when we enjoy dinner or on our patio when we enjoy a cookout with family and friends or the yard playing ball with Charlie and our**

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**grandchildren on nice sunny days? Will we still see the purple martins, eagles, bats, swallows, owls and bats, hawks and many other wild life species that control our mosquito and rodent populations?**

I have tried to get high-speed internet at my home. Two services I had cancelled because some other tower, not under their control, blocked my signal. I tried to get cable from Time Warner/Spectrum for many years and they told me an estimate to run a line to our home would be upwards of \$67,000 or more. WOW! Then, just September 2017, I got satellite internet from Hughes Net. I cut down many trees to get this service to work. **Can the commissioners promise me my internet will not be negatively affected? Will they give us a discount on our property taxes if the value of our home decreases? Is there any reason we should keep putting money in the upkeep of our home when our property value will decrease?**

Lastly, you should know, we actually installed an 80' Wind turbine on our property in 2007 (So this may seem hypocritical). But before we installed it the Township Trustees said they had to contact our neighbors to see if it was a problem for them. Also, AEP said if it caused any problems with our neighbors we could not run it. There were no problems with our neighbors or AEP. It cannot be seen from any long distance. I thought it would be great to offset our large electric bills and help the environment. I was wrong! The installation was expensive and the upkeep was also very expensive. I was lied to when I was told maintenance would only \$100/yr. There were many down times and I had to replace the blades three times. It has now been frozen up and not running for two or three years and the person who install it is in Wisconsin and doesn't get around this way. I could have paid a lot of electric bills with the money we wasted.

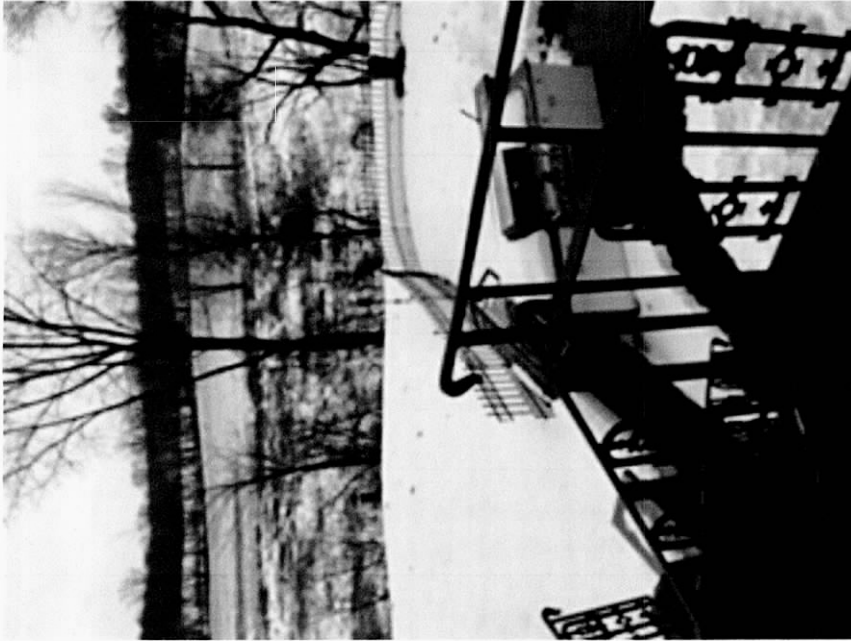
**I understand the farmers have a right to do with their land what they want but how high in the sky can they consider their right-of-way? Over 200' – 300' - 600' seems very extreme.** What about the rights of their neighbors that have to have their lives ruined. Furthermore, my understanding is that this is just a pilot program and it is possible that many more turbines could be in my back yard, possibly surrounding my home.

Please help us stop this madness and keep our countryside just as beautiful as it is. Thanks again for letting me and others express our concerns.

Sincerely,

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Backyard View Today 1/23/19



Picture of our Family (Garry, Donna and Charlie Our Yorkie)

