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**Docket # 18-1607-EL-BGN**

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**Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

**James Zehringer, Director**

2045 Morse Rd. Bldg. D3  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Dear Mr. Zehringer,

Firelands Wind. LLC a wholly-owned subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holding, LLC is planning to put up approximately 87 wind turbines in Huron and Erie Counties, Ohio, known as The Emerson Creek Wind Farm. The majority of the "neighbors" that will be affected by such monstrous eyesores DO NOT want turbines near their properties or effecting our areas wildlife , specifically our bird and bat population. Within a 1 mile radius of 3 proposed wind turbines, 42 homes will be affected. How could this even be thought of in a residential neighborhood?

I realize that under the guise of "Clean Energy" people might think that wind turbines are a good thing. I was one of those misguided people. Having a 655 ft. turbine or even multiple 655 ft. turbines will be a slaughterhouse for our bird population, it will burst a bats lungs killing mass quantities of these insect eating mammals, causing farms to treat crops with more harsh chemicals than they do now, with a risk of traveling to Lake Erie in runoffs. It will kill off our precious bald eagle population. Our song bird population will diminish and who know how much damage will result in our migrating birds.

Like many of the people that live by the proposed wind farms, we are on well water. Our aquifer is 55 ft below our house. The vibration can easily affect our water source especially with the fragile karst, that is well documented in our area. Here is a quote from William J Bangsund, Barr Engineering Co. and Kenneth S. Johnson, Oklahoma Geological Survey.

"There are no clear-cut approaches for measuring or mitigating karst risk. Unlike flooding risk and seismicity risk, karst risk is not addressed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the USGS. Karst may or may not be addressed by local building codes. Karst-risk assessment is further complicated by the remote, sparsely-populated, and undeveloped areas that

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are often chosen for wind farm sites. In these areas, there is a limited frame of reference for observing subsidence, fewer eyes observing the ground, and, normally, no reason for anyone to care about sinkholes. "

Since we are at such a high risk in our area for karst, our wells could potentially empty. This would cost each homeowners thousand to install and pay for rural water.

Please bring "Big Wind" to an end in Ohio. Be a leader and stop wind energy in the United States. Other options are cleaner, cheaper, healthier and kinder to our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rose", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rosemary Clifford

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