

Ohio Power Siting Board
Sam Randazzo, Chairman

Re: Board vote on a certificate for construction of the Ice Breaker wind project in Lake Erie
Case Number 16-1871-EL-BGN

Chairman Randazzo and Members of the Board,

Any construction of a wind project in the waters of Lake Erie is sure to have some detrimental effects on both the delicate lake ecosystem (which Ohio citizens have paid heavily over the years to improve and protect) and the activities of people who use the lake for fishing, boating and other recreation. The Directors of the six Departments of Ohio who make up the voting members of the Ohio Power Siting Board will have to decide if the trade offs come down on the side of approving the project or not.

Should they decide in favor of the project it would certainly be important to attach a condition which would require the installation of a highly visible perimeter around the project at a distance of at least one kilometer from the turbines. This is the distance which every turbine manufacturer manual that has been released to the public involving an Ohio wind project has recommended as an assured clear distance for people to stay away from turbines when thunderstorms are in the area. Such a warning perimeter would guide boaters safely clear of the turbines as they head quickly to shore when dark clouds come rolling in.

In the big scheme of things the safety of people is and has to remain the top priority when considering any such project. Should the Board decide the lake ecosystem can be adequately protected if the project is built then the construction of a perimeter to protect public safety would be a small additional price for the developer to pay to ensure the number one priority of safety for Ohio citizens is sufficiently addressed.

Respectfully,

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