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May 31, 2020  
Samuel Randazzo, Chairman, PUCO

Good Morning Chairman Randazzo,

Having been an active opponent of the Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. project since it was introduced about a decade ago, I sometimes review past information pertaining to the project to see what has changed over time. The comments below were in response to an article, and posted four years ago today. The only significant change since then is that the OPSB unanimously issued a permit for construction of the project, albeit with restrictions, on May 21, 2020.

As I reviewed my comments, it immediately occurred to me that nothing I wrote has changed. It saddens me, and thousands- if not millions- of others to think that there is forward movement for this heinous project. Although some are saying that the condition in the permit that requires feathering, or shutting down, of the turbines at night during migration will render the project nonviable, others are saying the condition will be removed from the permit, allowing the turbines to rotate at night. Thus, our angst continues and worsens.

As we fear for the countless flying animals facing massive slaughter, we are equally fearful that this "demonstration project" is the beginning of the end of the Great Lakes for any other purpose than an industrial power facility spanning multiple states and two countries. Without the protection and preservation of these precious lakes for our drinking water, there is virtually little left for human need and consumption in a large region of both countries.

We are hoping the appeal process for the Icebreaker project will result in the reversal of the permit decision, and ultimately a strengthened movement to clean up and protect the Great Lakes, starting with Lake Erie.

1. Suzanne Albright says

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All excellent points. I live on the shore of Lake Ontario, the shoreline facing northeast. Twenty nautical miles east of here is Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, also bordering the shore. Every night as I close the blinds, I look out at the parking lot lights, yes, 20 nautical miles away. Food for thought.

On to avian issues. On 3/14/2011, Jeff Schmidt, Director, PA Chapter, Sierra Club, testified the following before the PA State Legislature: "Lake Erie is unique among the Great Lakes because its shallow depth provides forage grounds for ducks,

loons, horned grebes, and other waterfowl across its entire surface. Shorebirds, songbirds and raptors all cross Lake Erie at varying altitude and locations. Migratory birds are already highly stressed...”, but then goes on to say how placement of offshore turbines is critical (Placement or siting? REALLY??). He further states, “Many raptors inhabit the Lake Erie environs and the US Fish & Wildlife Service has observed the migration of five raptor species across Lake Erie: peregrine falcons, short eared owls, osprey, bald eagles and harriers.”

Let's be honest here. Wind turbines in Lake Erie will become avian slaughtering machines. LEEDCo can talk about siting and mitigation all day, but it is no more than meaningless garble. If the reader cares little or nothing about the painful, horrific, bloody killing of these avian creatures, that speaks volumes about their character. Keep in mind that birds, primarily raptors, are indicator species. That is one of the main reasons we count them during spring migration. Decreasing numbers of them are an early indicator of harm in the ecosystem, harm that will impact humans. So, if there is no regard for the protection of these defenseless (against human activity) marvels, at least consider their value to the ecosystem and human health. We need them, but they don't need us!

Further, looking at the picture of that couple enjoying the beach (or not, as they stare at industrial turbines), visualize them sitting there with bloody bird carcasses washing up on shore. Lovely. Or, on windy days with 6 foot waves, the bird parts being flung through the air.

It is appalling to me (and countless others, but primarily average citizens who are not in control of federal tax dollars and who lack the power and resources to make these decisions) that projects like LEEDCo could possibly move forward. Until we all become educated regarding this filthy hoax called industrial wind energy, the desecration of our countrysides, mountains, and now even our fresh waters, will be allowed to continue. And we will pay for it, financially and in every other way.

Respectfully Submitted,

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