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**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:35:29 AM

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**From:** Lynn Jones <jonesmm1@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 5:28 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** Support of Renewables \*and\* bird conservation

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members,

I am a strong supporter of renewable energy in all its forms. But I don't want renewable energy at the expense of our bird populations. The reasoning behind renewable energy is to save the earth, its climate, its wildlife, its ecosystems, its humanity. This is not achieved by killing vulnerable bird populations in the process of gaining wind energy in the Central Basin of Lake Erie. My husband and I have spent numerous spring vacations birding the wider Maumee Bay Area for the exceptional bird sightings available there. As soon as the pandemic allows, we want very much to come back.

I am writing to encourage you to stick with your decision to "feather" the wind turbines at night for the critical eight months of the year to protect migratory bats and birds. Please don't give in to political pressure.

Sincerely yours,  
Lynn and Mark Jones

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**From:** Manon VanSchoyck <natureohio@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2020 6:34 AM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** For the birds

Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

As a birdwatcher and environmental educator, I am writing to thank you for your decision to require feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project. I support renewable energy development if it minimizes its impacts to wildlife. But with so many important promises left unfulfilled by the developer, I strongly believe you were right to take this commonsense step to protect migratory birds and bats.

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Like millions of Americans, I value birds for their aesthetic, economic, and intrinsic value. But a recent study shows that the United States and Canada lost nearly 3 billion birds – almost 30 percent of the total population – since 1970.

With so many obstacles already facing wild birds this is not the time to take chances with our declining bird populations. Thank you for your commonsense decision to require feathering to protect this diminishing public resource.

Sincerely,  
Manon VanSchoyck  
4782 Riley Rd, Johnstown, Ohio 43031

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Margaret Rutledge <margaretrutledge@earthlink.net>  
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 8:38 PM  
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
Subject: Please Require Feathering on the Icebreaker Wind Project

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members,

The Icebreaker Wind Project is located in a National Audubon Society designated Globally Important Bird Area as it is in the path of millions of migratory birds.

Bird populations have been declining for decades. It is unconscionable that a wind project is allowed to kill birds with the approval of government regulators. I have yet to see any renewable energy project that has a reliable plan for monitoring bird kills. This one is no exception.

Please take no actions that accelerate this decline. If this project must continue, and I for one hope it collapses completely, please require feathering.

Margaret Rutledge

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**From:** Mark Hurst <mhurst015@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** Canary in the mine.

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members,

Below is a letter from the Black Swamp Observatory organization that I support. With bird populations (nation wide) decreasing by 30% since 1980, I am extremely alarmed. No matter the politics, I think we need to look back to our history, specifically the use of Canaries in the mining industry to determine the safety of the environment in the mines. I believe that the decline of migratory birds and bats might be a sign that we need to work on the environment of our "Mine".

Thanks again so much,

Mark

Mark Hurst  
6097 Seymour Rd.  
Flushing, Michigan 48433  
(810) 247-0612

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Sincerely Mark Hurst

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**From:** Maryann Fitzmaurice <mx39@case.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 9:38 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:**

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Like millions of Americans, I value birds for their aesthetic, economic and intrinsic value. But birds have much more value than that through the environmental services they provide, which are essential to preserve healthy ecosystems. Such as: insect control; carrion removal; fertilizer production (guano); plus pollination and dispersal of the seeds of plants and trees that provide us with food, medicine, timber, recreation and ecotourism; to name just a few.

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Sincerely,

Maryann Fitzmaurice, MD, PhD, FCAP

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I'm writing to ask you to please REFUSE THE ICEBREAKER PROJECT, which I believe would break new ground for lack of good environmental stewardship by the State of Ohio, which prides itself on care and concern for the natural environment. It would be in the midst of the fly way so it would be an environmental mess, highly destructive to birds, bats and migration — which means upsets in nature's balance not only in Ohio, but also in the areas where birds migrate to/from — especially when operated at night. Not to mention the mess in the water caused by construction of these towers and the requirements for continual, ongoing heavy maintenance. The difficulty of managing turbines which have to be replaced frequently off shore is not to be underestimated. It would have a 12-mile long underwater cable to connect with power plants on shore. And the damage to the Lake? Irreversible. Maybe there's a reason there are no comparable projects on freshwater lakes? This is not a good idea. Please revert to your prior ruling.

Maryanne Friend

Broadview Heights, OH 

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**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** protect our birds

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Sincerely,

Michael Gordon

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**From:** Michael Sandy <mw.sandy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** Icebreaker wind project

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Sincerely,  
Mike Sandy

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Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:31 AM  
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
Subject: Icebreaker Wind and Bird Conservation

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

Thank you for requiring feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project.

I am a birder and have visited your area many times to marvel at the numbers and varieties of bird species. The species that migrate through the area are declining every year. The loss of so many birds is not only heart-breaking, but represents a considerable threat to our entire ecosystem. They provide a natural control for insects, and disperse seeds to new locations. Their epic migration journeys are inspiring. I don't want to see species become extinct due to human greed.

Your decision makes sense. To me, it is a compromise. I wish the turbines were not being built at all. At least by requiring the feathering, you will increase chances that some birds will survive. I hope that you will continue to carefully monitor this project as it moves forward.

Thank you for your caring and careful consideration of the issues involved.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Kirschbaum

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**From:** pjwhitesides@buckeye-express.com <pjwhitesides@buckeye-express.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 6:38 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Case #16-1871-EL-BGN Icebreaker

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Sincerely,

Pat Whitesides  
Toledo, OH

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Reference 16-1871-EL-BGN

Members of the Power Siting Board,

I oppose the location for wind turbines in Lake Erie.

The proposal to locate these structural mammoths in Lake Erie rather than on land is a proposal which I oppose. Nevertheless, LEEDCO proposed the location in the lake. I oppose the choice of location in their proposal.

Approval to locate these structural mammoths in Lake Erie is a decision which I oppose, regardless of conditions for approval. Nevertheless, the Power Siting Board approved with conditions the location in the lake. I oppose the location in the lake.

In summary, I oppose the location of wind turbines in Lake Erie.

PAUL STEPHAN

Cleveland, Ohio

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**From:** Ohio Power Siting Board [contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us]

**Sent:** 8/18/2020 11:19 AM

**To:** paulstephan10@gmail.com

**Subject:** Your Comment will be Filed in the Case Record [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0Y4A9V:ref ]



Hello,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). We will file your correspondence in the public comments for OPSB case number 16-1871-EL-BGN.

Sincerely,

Ohio Power Siting Board  
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**From:** ROBERT TITUS <titus7@windstream.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 4:21 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** Icebreaker Project

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Sincerely,

Robert Titus  
Chardon, Ohio 44024

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**From:** Sandra Deighton <saundradeighton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 10:54 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** Birds

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Sincerely,

Sandra Deighton

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**From:** Sharon Hamersley <slh1078@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 6:53 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** Protect Migratory Birds

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Sincerely, Sharon Hamersley

Sharon Hamersley [slh1078@yahoo.com](mailto:slh1078@yahoo.com) 614-451-3719 (home) 614-395-9440 (cell)

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**From:** Steven Thompson <thompson.insurancesteve@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** PROTECTING BIRDS

Dear Chair Randazzo & Board Members,      Thank you for your decision to protect Birds & requirement on feathering on the Icebreaker Wind project. Now we need a plan from the project developers to monitor Bird Kills . With nearly 3 billion birds lost since 1970 we need stronger conservation efforts please.      Steven Thompson( Lifetime Birder)

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