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Subject: Safety issue on proposed Republic and Emerson Creek wind projects

Ohio Power Siting Board

Mr. Chairman,

Every proposed turbine location in the Emerson Creek wind project (all 87) and almost every one in the Republic wind project are closer to non-participating neighbors than the 3,280 feet (1000 meters) distance specified by the turbine manufacturer as a safe distance during thunderstorms. See pages 160-161 of the turbine safety manual pdf posted on the Republic Wind docket here - <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/DocumentRecord.aspx?DocID=7f85fc0c-6436-432f-a9d2-551a52e13a5e> Thunderstorms will be in the area of these projects hundreds of times over their presumed 30 year lifespan and dealing with the storms would have to be considered part of normal operation.

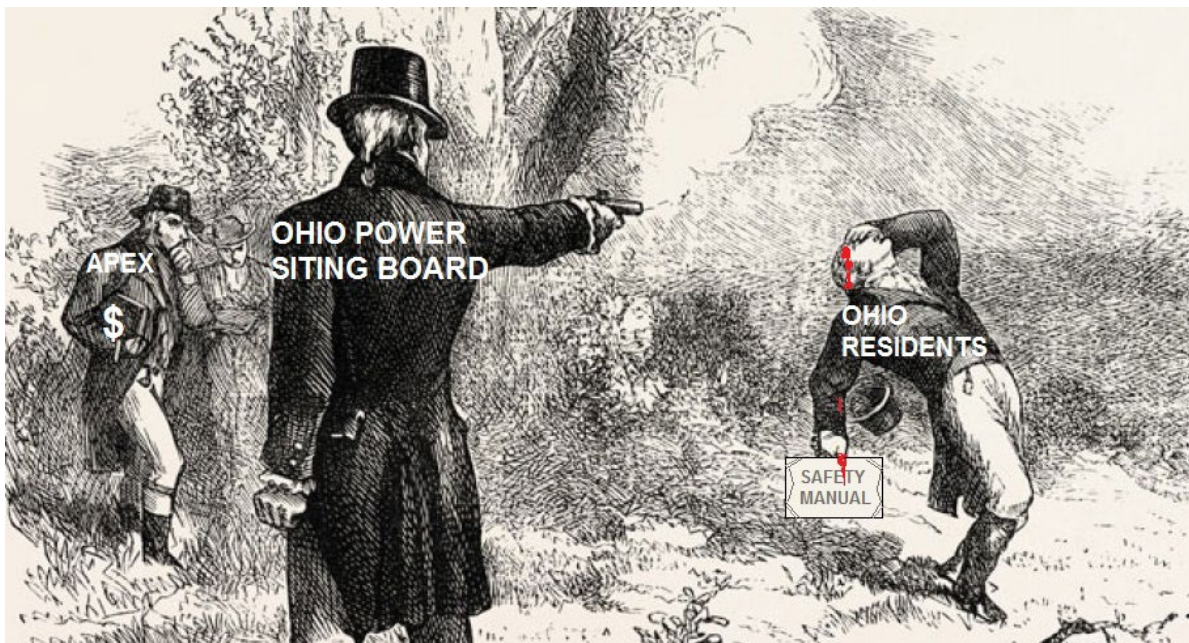
These projects are unsafe as designed and endanger Ohio citizens on their own property. We have no power locally to prevent this from happening so it is up to the OPSB to prevent it. The Board's efforts to protect the birds on Lake Erie from the Icebreaker project are justified and admirable despite the complaints and pushback coming from the developer. One would think that protecting PEOPLE from the Republic and Emerson Creek projects while on their own property would rise to an even higher level priority.

Please do not let the scenario in the attached picture play out!

Thank you.

Jim Feasel

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