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Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:26 PM
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Subject: Icebreaker Wind Project

Thank you for standing up for birds. Please don't give in to wind developers by easing feathering restrictions.

Thanks Robert Rinker

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From: Rose Braxton <rosebraxton@sharedent.com>
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To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Protect our birds!

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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.

As you know, the project site is in a National Audubon Society-designated Globally Important Bird Area due to its use by millions of birds. The project developers have yet to provide a plan for monitoring bird kills at the facility, and there has been no mention of mitigating these impacts through conservation actions. This leaves too much risk and too many unknowns in an area of great importance to birds.

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.

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,

Rose Braxton

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Subject: Icebreaker Wind Turbine Project

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

As a hunter, birdwatcher, conservationist and professional wildlife biologist, 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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Subject: RE LEEDCO, Icebreaker, Case 16 1871 EL BGN

Dear Governor DeWine, Dan McCarthy, Mr. Randazzo, Chair of OPSB and Matt Butler,

Mr Butler, kindly add to the case number as above.

Please accept further comments on your decision to require "feathering" of the approved six massive turbines for Icebreaker, Cleveland OH.

Having fought industrialization of the Lakes for over ten years, it is a struggle personally to address these points with this note to you; while we condemn the use of wind turbines anywhere near the Great Lakes, or anywhere, as they do not produce meaningful power at all, we yet must exercise a case of positive cognitive dissonance because of course we support your decision to require the developer, LEEDCo now Fred Olsen Renewables Inc., to "mitigate" or "feather" during prime migration over the Lake, eight months of the year. It is unclear to us how the developer will manage to find the suitable means to conduct studies that would begin to be adequate, as they to our understanding, do not currently exist in any meaningful manner at all. Perhaps this is a condition you can further add; provide a **proven method** of counting the mortality and determining which species are being impacted.

We respectfully remind you that the opposition to the LEEDCo six turbine "demonstration" project is widespread, multi national, and local, including ornithological experts, and ordinary birders, citizens who understand that there is only one adventure in this that is successful: those seeking the subsidies, grants, tax advantages, and who have repeatedly shown a lack of respect for common knowledge about the wonders of Lake living, for every creature.

We have documented some of this in lists, and in letters, some of which are available on Great Lakes Wind Truth or on NA-PAW. The numbers of groups and persons opposed are again, in the hundreds and in the millions. They represent Canada, the USA, Germany, the UK, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Slovenia, Australia, Scotland, to name a few. The waters of the Lakes are of universal interest. Ontario as you know, has an offshore moratorium impacting four of the five Lakes, and this was confirmed by the new PC government, Minister Yurek, recently in an update on that moratorium.

Here again are the links on NA-PAW that refer to the scale of the objections.

<http://www.na-paw.org/icebreaker/4-Partial-List-of-groups-and-individuals-opposed-and-letters-of-importance.pdf>

[Icebreaker Binder](#)



Mark Shieldcastle confirms the difficulty of determining taken endangered species and the need for "take" permits, in his letter of May 29th.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires that there be a plan to detect encounters and that requirement has not been met through this condition. The Impact Mitigation Plan must identify the methodology, the scientific validity, and the preemptive, long-term strategy for eliminating risks to listed species before ODNR should approve the plan. Icebreaker should acquire take permits under both the ESA and Bald And Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGPEA) prior to construction, and specify means for detecting and identifying species "taken."

There is zero question that the developer has no "working" plan, proven, to mitigate or count the encounters. And zero possibility at this time of determining which "endangered" species will most certainly lose life and/ or limb in this Globally recognized Basin of Migration, one of the world's greatest abundance.

In a final word, thank you sincerely for your diligence and we applaud your understanding of the importance of that migratory window. It actually extends significantly for some species beyond the eight months you specify, but this is a good starting point, and not at all unreasonable.

We end with this note, excerpted from a prior letter from NA-PAW to your voting members.

In this instance the requirements are also a “test case.” How sincere is the developer about the environmental espousals of his project? If he is indeed confident that he can operate without killing endangered species, some deeply at risk at a planetary level, he should be willing and able to “prove” it. The OPSB seems to be offering something of a chance. (Unfortunately, we have zero doubt that endangered species would be harmed and killed, even with these conditions.) We also recollect that this developer has insisted for an exceptionally long time that birds do not fly over the Lake. (Historically, it is clear that wind developers do not routinely monitor in a remotely honest fashion their outrageous kill rates, their accidents and fires, and other industrial failures such as oil spills or Liberated Components.)

We add also that wind developers mobilize our deepest needs and dreams, jobs, and cleaner living, and are stellar in their misrepresentations. The Lakes may seem to be an endless stream of subsidies, but clearer heads should protect the OH public from the scandal and schemes. There will be no job chains. There will be a few, very few, permanent jobs. The air will sadly not be cleaner, the water will surely be damaged, and the cleanup will take a very very long time. And birds and bats and all manner of flying creatures DO fly over the Lake!

There can be no doubt that the feathering condition (and others) you have demanded of the developer, is useful and promising.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sherri

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Please ensure the feathering condition in the Icebreaker wind project happens to protect our birds which are already facing habitat reductions. Our "green" energy needs to be as environmentally responsible as possible.

Thank you,
Sue Ellen Kempton

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Dear Chairman Randazzo and members of the Ohio Power Siting Board:

As an Ohioan, I am proud to support the letter sent by a group of state legislators to Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Chair Sam Randazzo calling for reconsideration of the feathering condition included in its approval of the Icebreaker Windpower project.

As noted in the letter, this condition—added to the approval of the project—amounts to a “poison pill” and ultimately kills this innovative project. Why would the Board reverse its decision on the feathering condition at the last minute?

As a state committed to promoting an “all of the above” energy approach, the unreasonable action taken against this thoroughly vetted and strongly supported renewable energy project is out of line. I ask that the Board immediately grant LEEDCo’s request for reconsideration of the project and remove the poison pill.

The Icebreaker Wind project would result in a strong win for our environment and our economy, helping us combat air pollution and climate change while also creating more than 500 jobs and injecting \$253 million into the local economy. Furthermore, it would put Ohio on the map as a leader in renewable energy technologies as this project would be the first freshwater offshore wind farm in North America. I hope you will support such an important investment in Ohio’s future.

Sincerely,
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