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Subject: comment 16-1871
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From: Kimberlyn Drew <4kimberlyn@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Please protect birds from ill-placed wind turbines

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.

Thanks,
Kimberlyn Drew

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From: [Puco ContactOPSB](#)
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From: Gisela Zelenka-Drysdale <giselazd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Yes, protect birds from wind turbines

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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.

The environment along the shores of Lake Erie is critical habitat for the spring and fall bird migrations. Furthermore, 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 is unacceptable! This leaves too much risk and too many unknowns in an area of great importance to birds.

Like millions of Americans, I value and love birds for their aesthetic, economic, and intrinsic value. As you surely know, a recent study shows that the United States and Canada lost nearly 3 billion birds — almost 30 percent of the total population — since 1970. We must take every possible action to protect our birds and help them recover their populations!

Please continue to take actions to protect the birds and to require the project developers to document bird and bat kills, make that information public and have independent audits of those kills and the wind farm's processes.

By the way, I am one of the thousands of people who flock to the Toledo area for the annual Biggest Week in Birding which generates millions of dollars annually and extends the tourist season by nearly a month.

Most Sincerely,
Gisela Zelenka-Drysdale

Wauwatosa, WI

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From: E McQuaid <elimac733@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:43 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Feathering of the LEEDCO Wind Turbines

Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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I am the Volunteer Coordinators for Lights Out Cleveland. I can prove that hundreds of birds fly into Cleveland from across the lake each fall, and head north each spring. We just should not risk losing more. If you'd like data from our program please let me know.

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,

Elizabeth A McQuaid
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From: Nola Miller <nolaelainemiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:54 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: I support the feathering condition and bird conservation.

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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Sincerely,
Nola E. Miller-Brasure

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From: Erica Locke <elanni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: I support the feathering condition on the Icebreaker project and bird conservation

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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Like millions of Americans, I value birds for their aesthetic, economic, and intrinsic value and I travel to Lake Erie almost every year to enjoy migration during the Biggest Week in American Birding. I do not want to see the lakeshore become another graveyard for birds due to a short-sighted project.

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. We should instead be finding every way possible to ensure bird populations grow and thrive, so they are there for future generations to love and enjoy.

Thank you for your commonsense decision to require feathering to protect this diminishing public resource.

Sincerely,

Erica Lynne Locke
Cincinnati, OH

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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:20 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker Wind Project

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We are the caretakers of nature for our children and grandchildren. We cannot stand by and let this happen.

Sincerely,

Kathryn F Smith

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Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 12:12 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker Wind Project and Bird Conservation

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Sincerely,
Marybeth Mersky

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