

FILE

2

August 31, 2020

Chris Zeman
6868 E. Twp. Rd. 138
Republic, OH 44867

Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 E. Broad St.
11th floor
Columbus, OH 43215

PUCO

2020 SEP -3 PM 1:36

Dear OPSB Staff,

I am writing to express my **SUPPORT** for the “**feathering condition**” imposed on LEEDCo’s Lake Erie Icebreaker project, case number **16-1871-EL-BGN**, on account the condition looks out for the safety and protects thousands upon thousands of migratory birds and bats across Lake Erie each year. The board has received hundreds of letters of support of and also against this condition, however, the main questions that need to be asked at the end of the day are:

1. DO INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES BELONG IN LAKE ERIE?
2. IS WILDLIFE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS PROTECTED?
3. IS IT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OHIO’S RESIDENTS?

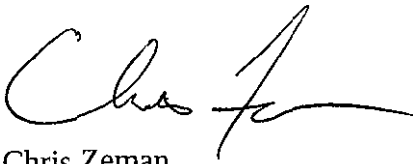
These questions are quite simple, but they have been twisted and reworded to the point by the pro-wind lobby and LEEDCo’s supporters that they can answer “YES” to all of them. The fact is though, Lake Erie is **EVERYONES** lake- not just Cleveland’s, or LEEDCo’s, or the pro-wind lobby’s. LEEDCo and their supporters have been very sly at hiding the fact that this is a demonstration project and that it will ultimately lead to not just six, but THOUSANDS of turbines across Lake Erie and possibly the rest of the Great Lakes. Meanwhile, some foreign entity and a handful of investors will get rich off of the US taxpayer while subsequently slaughtering hundreds of thousands of migratory birds and bats every year. It is hypocritical to think that these people are somehow helping the environment by exploiting so-called “Climate Change” as a reason to justify the building of these things out in Lake Erie.

History is full of instances of entire species of animals, trees, plants, etc. being wiped out and little to no regard for the consequences. Environmentally speaking, anytime humans start messing with Mother Nature, a chain of events will begin to unfold that may take years till we see the results. With that being said, if LEEDCo and their supporters get their way, Ohio and ultimately the entire Great Lakes ecosystem can expect radical changes in the years to come. Just think for a minute- spinning blades on Lake Erie wiping out creatures that contribute to insect control, then the inevitable consequence of increased pesticide use that is already hurting our water supplies and contributing to the decline of honey bees. Furthermore, these blades will not only wipe out countless avian species, but how about the pesky insects Ohio’s lake communities are all too familiar with- the Mayfly. The Mayfly, while as annoying as they may be crunching under your feet or car tires, sitting lifelessly on windows and siding, are a major food source for almost anything that survives or lives around the lake.

This is to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business.
Technician Date Processed 9/3/20

At the end of the day, the OPSB and its staff member's have made the right decision to heed the warnings of avian groups such as the Black Swamp Bird Observatory along with other naturalist's in the area- people who know Lake Erie's ecosystem way better than LEEDCo and its supporters I'm sure- and placed the proper restrictions on this horribly thought out project, thus forcing them to be "pro-active" rather than "re-active" to the yearly operation of their turbines. If this company really cared they would have taken the proper steps to protect the environment rather than take the greedy approach to "lets build, operate, and guess". If LEEDCo and their supporters cannot without a doubt prevent the countless slaughter and the long term damage to Lake Erie's ecosystem then they should not be allowed to just "fire it up" and take a "wait and see" approach. At the end of the day its about trust and the protection of Lake Erie and species.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Zeman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Zeman