

To: OPSCB Case No. 08-0666-EL-BGN
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Re: Champaign County Wind Turbines
Buckeye Wind Case

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Dear OPSCB:

I was quite ignorant of the Buckeye Wind Case prior to the October 28, 2009 meeting at Triad High School, but I now have an opinion. There's got to be another way.

My concerns are these:

- ① There was no mention of the geological fault that runs through the area. Is that of any consequence?
- ② Why has there been so much secrecy? No wonder people have no faith in the system. They feel the decision is already made and this process is just a formality.
- ③ Why does this renewable energy have to be wind? Solar and geothermal would not destroy our beautiful scenery. There's no way of camouflaging a 418 foot turbine.
- ④ Is this American-made technology? I have been told some parts come from China. Torf.
- ⑤ The community is now divided. Money isn't everything. Relationships are more important. We've got to live here and work together. An out of town company that doesn't plan to live here has tempted us with financial return in the name of progress.
- ⑥ These turbines are gigantic. They need to be put in an unpopulated area. If you wouldn't put one in front of a school, church or hospital, don't put them by a house.
- ⑦ How can one say the community will benefit by a "flat" amount in taxes, when lobbying is currently going on that may affect that amount. Have Champaign Countians been given inflated information subject to change?

I do thank you for your kind consideration of my thoughts and questions. I love my community, but I do not like what is happening to it. I ask you to consider your decision as if it were being made in your "home" community, or if you would choose to come to live in the land of the giant turbines.

Respectfully,
Janet Rucker