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This comment is in regards to OPSB case number 09-1066-EL-BGN, Heartland Wind LLC.

It is quite convenient that Mr. Litchfield was given the opportunity to submit direct testimony in response to the public hearing that was held on July 8, 2010 at Lincolnview School.

I would like to clarify some of Mr. Litchfield's comments in his testimony submitted July 9, 2010.

If Mr. Litchfield recalls, I did cite a couple of Doctors that had published concerns in reference to large wind turbines operating in close proximity of residences, but what Mr. Litchfield failed to state was whether his company could guarantee no harm or ill health effects would come to my family. Heartland Wind LLC is willing to have residents sign "Good Neighbor Agreements" and then promptly pay them off to waive their rights for any damages, but why not guarantee the residents of the area no harm will come to them? Would Mr. Litchfield and Heartland Wind LLC be willing to sign a "Good Wind Turbine Agreement" with me stating no harm will come to my family. I would think with the information he is citing in his direct testimony, stating wind turbines are not harmful to people, his company should be able to do that. If Heartland Wind cannot do this maybe his information isn't as trustworthy as they would like you to think.

In regards to Mr. Litchfield stating that I testified to the fact that my home had decreased in value is incorrect. If he would recall, I believe that I stated my home had been on the market, but did not sell.

In addition Comsearch's study of tv reception in the area was criticized by me for good reason. In section five of their report it states, " It is known that the installation of the wind turbines will attenuate the television signal if they are in the path between the station and the residence..." Not only did Comsearch state that it would be affected, but the study also stated that antennas seen in area were as high as 50 feet. I again would question the validity of the study in general if antennas were reported to be as high as 50 feet, but they chose to go only six feet tall. It would be my guess to look at who paid for the study and what kind of results were expected.

Finally, I would like to state that if I had the resources that Heartland Wind LLC has available to them, money, lawyers, etc. I would most likely be able to find my own experts to dispute all of their claims. Unfortunately, I do not. Therefore I have to resort to getting my information the best way I can, from the internet, and plead my case with common sense and the facts I have.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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