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Grover Reynolds  
7179 Remlinger Rd.  
Crestline, Ohio 44827

PUCO

Re: Black Fork Wind LLC / Wind Powered Electric Generation Facility  
Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding Black Fork Wind LLC's proposed installation of a wind turbine electric generating facility located in Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio. The OPSB's mission is to support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, while promoting the state's economic interests and protecting the environment and land use.

As a standard procedure with all siting projects, the applicant must notify the public in newspapers of general circulation that it is proposing to build a major utility facility. Therefore, on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at Shelby High School, 109 W. Smiley Avenue, Shelby, Ohio, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Black Fork Wind LLC hosted a public informational meeting to present information concerning the project and to gather public input.

At this time, Black Fork Wind LLC has not filed for an application demonstrating environmental compatibility and public need with the Ohio Power Siting Board. However, should Black Fork Wind LLC apply with the Ohio Power Siting Board, our staff will begin their investigation of the application. Resulting from the investigation, staff will make in its report recommendations as to whether the proposed facility will best serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The applicant will again notify the public in area newspapers of a public hearing where the public is invited to attend and residents impacted by the project may give sworn testimony involving the case.

However, on the issue of "setbacks," the law prescribes a minimum setback for a wind turbine of an economically significant wind farm shall be equal to a horizontal distance, from the turbine's base to the property line of the wind farm property, equal to one and one-tenth times the total height of the turbine structure as measured from its base to the tip of its highest blade and further, be at least seven hundred fifty feet in horizontal distance from the tip of the

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turbine's nearest blade at ninety degrees to the exterior of the nearest, habitable, residential structure, if any, located on adjacent property at the time of the certification application. The minimum setback shall apply in all cases except those in which all owners of property adjacent to the wind farm property waives the application of the setback to that property. The board will evaluate each application and may determine that a setback greater than the minimum is necessary.

Regarding the potential impact of noise, Ohio statute requires companies seeking to develop wind farms comply with Chapter 4906:17 of the Ohio Revised Code and give careful consideration to evaluate and describe the operational noise levels expected at the nearest property boundary, both day and night and to describe the equipment and procedures to mitigate the effects of noise from the proposed facility during construction and operation. Further, Ohio does not have a noise standard or set decibels allowance for wind turbine operations, therefore, Staff will review the applicant's noise assessment and propose any avoidance or mitigation measures as necessary.

Regarding potential impact to well water supply resulting from wind farm development, Ohio statutes require assurance that facilities will comply with Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding proper disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. Chapter 3734 also requires that any construction debris be properly disposed of in EPA approved landfills. Additionally, facilities shall comply with Ohio's statutes regarding water pollution control, under Chapter 6111. All electrical equipment must be installed and operated in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code. These provisions apply throughout the construction and operation of the facility.

As we appreciate all input into the siting process, once an application is filed, your document will be shared with members of the Board and placed in an official docket for the case. Should you wish to view activity involving wind applications before the OPSB and/or wind rules, please visit our web site at [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov).

Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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From: "[webmaster@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:webmaster@puc.state.oh.us)"  
To: "[ContactThePUCO@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:ContactThePUCO@puc.state.oh.us)"  
Subject: 57200  
Sent: 12/19/2010 7:40:30 PM  
Message:  
WEB ID: 57200 AT:12-19-2010 at 07:40 PM

Related Case Number: 10-2865

TYPE: complaint

NAME: Mr. Grover Reynolds

CONTACT SENDER ? Yes

MAILING ADDRESS:

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- Crestline, , Ohio 44827
- USA

PHONE INFORMATION:

- Home: 419-683-3126
- Alternative: *(no alternative phone provided?)*
- Fax: *(no fax number provided?)*

E-MAIL: *(no e-mail address provided)*

INDUSTRY:Electric

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

- *(no utility company name provided?)*
- *(no account name provided?)*
- *(no service address provided?)*

- *(no service phone number provided?)*
- *(no account number provided?)*

#### COMPLAINT DESCRIPTION:

Case #10-2865-EL-BGN The area where the wind turbines are being placed is entirely too close to my home of 50 years. A mechanical failure, a blade throw, or ice on a blade throw from it would destroy my home and barns. The blades or ice from a malfunctioning turbine can be thrown 3/4 of a mile. These turbines are less than 1/4 of a mile from my home. Please come and look at this area and the placement of the turbines. The noise from them is devastating. What are they thinking? Put them in a less populated area. Do you care about Ohio and the people living here? Do you care that we may lose our water supply? The concrete the turbine sets on is 30'x30'x30'. My water well is not that deep and could destroy the water table. No water. I can't afford to buy water or drill another well. Your first concern should be the residents of this vicinity in Ohio and alternate energy should be your second concern. Thank You..

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