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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E Broad Street
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RE: Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC
Case # 10-2865-EL-BGN

Dear Board Members,

I am opposed to the proposed electric generation facility known as Black Fork Wind Energy project. As a "non participating" resident of Vernon Township I will be negatively impacted by the construction of this project.

My wife and I purchased land adjacent to our residence last December from my mother, Eleanor Rietschlin. The western most limit of this property is within approximately 700 feet of proposed turbine 59. I feel that the inclusion of this turbine will prevent me from using my property for any additional future residence. I ask that this turbine be excluded from the project.

I have examined the map showing the location of the turbines and the access roads and transmission or collection lines. It appears that some of these lines will come very close to my property. The heavy equipment that will travel cross county will injure the existing drainage of the fields.


I visited a "windfarm" located in Michigan south of Lake Huron. The turbines were very noisy from several different locations. This area is naturally very windy. As I stood and looked over the fields the turbines were loud enough to cut thru the wind from up to a half mile away. I am concerned that the set back is not enough. Please take time and care to reconsider the set back as specified in the Black Fork Wind Energy documents. Most wind farms are not built in areas as densely populated as this Vernon Township area.

I beg you to please veto the location of this industrial electric complex. I ask that you allow me to intervene in this case.

Kindest regards,



Nick Rietschlin

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I am the president of Rietschlin Construction, Inc. a small family owned construction company. Our family residence and company facilities are located at the Baker Road address. As a public works contractor it is imperative that I have access to the internet and cell phones. There is no cable infrastructure in place to provide desperately needed communication services. I must rely on satellite and air card. The wind turbines as located on the maps provided by Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC will cause interference. I am unable to move my residence or business location. A lack of viable internet service would cause great economic harm.

In December, 2010 my husband and I purchased 35.42 acres from Eleanor T. Rietschlin. I have studied the maps and I have discovered that proposed turbine will be located within approximately 700 feet of our property. The construction of the turbine at that spot would affect our ability to use our property for an additional residence for a son. I ask that the tower be moved.

I am also concerned that turbine 59 could affect the ground water that supplies our well water. Since we dug the well in 1992 we have not had any problems with the availability of water. Your report on Aquifers states that ground water yields are typically low. That is not the case with our well. We have an excellent water source.

As we have lived at the Baker Road address since 1992, our observations of the land are intimate. Turbine 59 is located near a creek. This creek swells greatly during rain events with any significant amount of water as well as during winter snow thaws. At times this creek is dry during a very

dry summer. I would consider the area surrounding the creek to have a watershed area that extends to proposed turbine 59 area.

I hope that you will take seriously the consequences of this proposed electric generating complex on the lives and livelihoods of the non-participating residents. I pray that you grant me the privilege of intervening in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margaret Rietschlin". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Margaret" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Rietschlin".

Margaret D. Rietschlin