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Milo Schaffner
16525 Wetzel Rd,
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Re: Blue Creek Wind LLC
350 MW - Wind Powered Electric Generation Facility
Case No. 11-3644 -EL-BGA

Dear Mr. Schaffner:

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding Blue Creek Wind LLC's installation of a wind turbine electric generating facility located in Van Wert and Paulding Counties, Ohio.

In reviewing all particulars of the Blue Creek Wind LLC's application, Case No. 09-1066-EL-BGN, both public and adjudicatory hearings, our Staff Report of Investigation, intervenors interrogatories, and the concerns of those residents living within the Van Wert and Paulding Counties and affected areas, the OPSB found that Heartland Wind LLC's application satisfied all of the criteria established in accordance with Chapter 4906, of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Therefore, on August 23, 2010 the Board issued an Opinion, Order and Certificate to Blue Creek Wind LLC for the siting, construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the proposed wind-powered electric generation facility as modified pursuant to the opinion, order, and certificate.

On June 17, 2011, Blue Creek Wind LLC filed a second amendment with OPSB to review potential noise levels caused by its turbines at nonparticipating residences within the project boundary and within one mile of the project area.

Staff is currently investigating these concerns and your letter will be reviewed by the Board and the Administrative Law Judge. Staff will thoroughly evaluate Blue Creek Wind LLC's proposal and all supporting noise studies.

To view the Opinion and Order for Blue Creek Wind LLC and all activity pertaining to this case, siting applications and /or rules governing the installation and operation of wind energy in Ohio, visit our website at www.puc.state.oh.us or the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

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Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

KW: dgd

Thursday, June 30, 2011

Ohio Power Siting Board
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Re: Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC
Case No. 11-3644-EL-BGA

OPSB Board;

I object to changing conditions (42) and (43) thereby raising the ambient noise level to 45dBA for the project.


Many of the residents within the project do not have an ambient level that high. Levels this high are seen next to US 127. Most of us would not live next to this type of Road.

Blue Creek states that it has an obligation, both as a matter of law and as a matter of good corporate policy, to make its wind farm a desirable member of the communities in which it is located. If that statement is true then they need to live up to the conditions 42 and 43 as they are. This was one of the conditions for the certification to build.

I believe in all fairness to the people within our community you must hold a hearing and explain what this will do. Most residents are not even aware of the noise study. Testimony was given at Lincolnview High School that wind turbines do not make noise. Some residents believe this because no one from Iberdrola corrected that statement. Of course if the statement is true, then there is no need to permit any sound level above the ambient level.

I am requesting a hearing be held on this condition.

Regards,


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