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Phyllis Rank
3604 St. Rt. 61
Crestline, Ohio 44827

Re: Black Fork Wind Energy LLC / Case Number 10-2865-EL-BGN

Dear Mrs. Rank:

On March 3, 2011, Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a certificate to construct and operate a 200 megawatt (MW) Wind Energy Project in Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio. Since that time, staff continues to review the application and carefully consider all potential impacts associated with the siting of this project.

Please be advised, a local public hearing in this matter will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the Shelby Senior High School, 109 West Smiley Avenue, Shelby, Ohio 44875. During the public hearing, residents affected by the project may provide sworn testimony to become part of the case docket. The adjudicatory hearing will commence on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

To view activities involving this application and/or rules governing the installation and operation of energy infrastructure in Ohio, please visit the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov. You may also sign up for automatic e-mail notifications of new filings at the Docketing Information System website (<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us>).

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

KW: dgd

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Ohio Power Siting Board, Case # 10-2865-EL-BBN,

I don't believe that we need a wind farm in a residential area. If the towers were only 100 feet tall & not so heavy, maybe I could see the benefit. But, destroying roads, fields, tiles, wells, water ways, etc. will not benefit our community. The loss of wildlife should also be considered. The noise & the emotional stability of the people it will affect should also be considered. I've seen the wind farms in the mid west & west. They are not surrounded by homes & people. My utilities & taxes continue to rise, but my property value does not. I can not afford to assist in paying for this project, nor can my community. So, I hope you consider our community & the impact it will have before approving this project.

Thank you in advance,
Phyllis Rank
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