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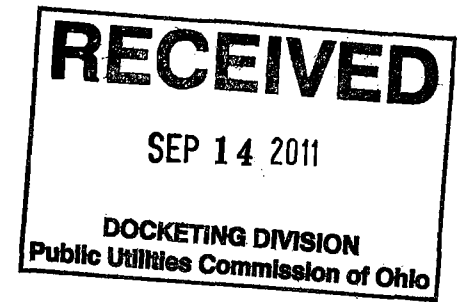
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Before the Ohio Power Siting Board

In the Matter of the Application of Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC
For a Certificate to Install Numerous Electricity Generating Wind Turbines
In Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio

Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN



Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

My name is Nick Rietschlin. I reside at 4240 Baker Road, Crestline, Ohio 44827. I have lived and worked in this area (part of the Black Ford Wind Farm project boundary description) for 57 years. I have worked in construction since 1972 and have owned my own business since 1976.

I do not know if I will be able to attend the hearing in Columbus on September 19, 2011. I have a project that is important to me, my employees and the owner. Due to the work load responsibilities and the short notice of this meeting, I may have to forfeit my role as an intervener. However, I do want my testimony presented.

I purchased the farm attached to my house from my parents in December 2010 with the intention of carrying on family ownership. I had future plans of building an additional house on the rear of the property. With Tower 59 behind us, that now may be impracticable, and foolish. The location of tower 59 is encroaching on my ability to use my property as I wish. The setbacks as established in OAC Code are not generous and need to be revisited. The State of Ohio should not impose regulations that take away property rights from its citizens.

I have water well that produces a consistent amount of water. The Applicant is planning to install a concrete batch plant less than a mile away. I am concerned about the source of water for the batch plant. Calculating water use as follows: 27 gallons of water to mix 1 CY of 4000 PSI concrete to a 3" slump. 27 gallons water x 1488 CY concrete per foundation = 40,176 gallons per turbine foundation. 40,176 gallons x 91 turbine foundations = 3,656,016 gallons of water. That does not include water for cleanup for the plant and trucks. If the Applicant is planning to drill a well to support this operation that could easily deplete ground water supply.

Testimony of N. Rietschlin

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The applicant should specify the source of water and have a written plan to protect the project boundary residents before the application is approved.

How many local contractors and their employees will be working on this project? Page 29 of the staff report states total construction force would be between 70 and 95 on site workers. In an article in the Mansfield News Journal, August 14, 2011, Scott Hawken stated that 100 to 200 workers would be coming into town looking for a place to sleep and eat. That leads me to believe that NO local people will be working on this construction project. The Applicant should be required to use local construction personal. Especially since the Crawford County unemployment is so high. This should offset some of the negative impacts this project will have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Rietschlin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nick Rietschlin

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I have served a copy of my testimony to the following by regular mail or electronic mail or facsimile on this September 14, 2011.

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