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Re: Hardin Wind Energy - Case No: 09-479-EL-BGN, 11-3446-EL-BGA

Dear Mr. Rogers,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding wind energy development in Hardin County. I appreciate the concerns that you have expressed as an area resident, and I have docketed your letter in the cases listed above. The OPSB responds to citizen inquiries as accurately as possible and provides information about Board process via our website and docketing system.

Below, I will address each of the questions and concerns outlined in your Feb. 28, 2012 letter.

1. If wind farms are required to inform residents of local public hearings by letter, why was this not done?
A sample of the letter sent to affected landowners and tenants was filed on January 4, 2010 in case number 09-479-EL-BGN. The sample letters can be viewed online at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us>. Additional details regarding the notification requirements contained in Section 4906-5-08 (C) (3) of the Ohio Administrative Code were outlined in our response to you dated January 6, 2012. The applicant also published hearing notices in local newspapers.
2. Were there local public hearings other than the one in January 2010?
In addition to the January 5, 2010 hearing held in Kenton in case number 09-479-EL-BGN, local public hearings were held in two separate wind siting cases in Hardin County. One hearing was held in Ada on January 27, 2010 (Hog Creek Wind I, case number 09-277-EL-BGN) and another was held in Ada on July 25, 2011 (Hog Creek Wind II, case number 10-654-EL-BGN). Transcripts of these hearings are available online at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us>.

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3. **I was listed as a cooperating landowner when I was not. My neighbor's house was not listed on the wind farm siting map.**
These two issues were previously addressed in our response to you dated November 17, 2010.
4. **Microwave transmitting.**
Microwave transmitting issues were addressed in the staff report filed on December 21, 2009 in case number 09-479-EL-BGN and the amendment filed on June 13, 2011 in case number 11-3446-EL-BGA.
5. **Setback distances concerning ice throw and adjacent property owners must be revealed.**
This issue was previously addressed in our responses to you dated November 17, 2010 and February 3, 2011. The Board determined that all turbine locations met the required setbacks.

As you know, the OPSB reviews each wind farm application to determine whether it serves the public interest, convenience and necessity, with minimal adverse environmental impact. The OPSB review process includes consideration of the impacts to area residents. Ultimately, in reviewing the Hardin Wind Energy application and procedures, testimony from the public and evidentiary hearings, the staff report, discovery and the concerns of those living within Hardin County, the Board determined that the application satisfied the criteria established in accordance with Chapter 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. To view all filings associated with wind siting cases and rules governing the installation and operation of wind energy in Ohio, please visit the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



Kim Wissman, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

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May 17th, 2012
Hardin Wind Farm Safety Concerns

Ms. Wissman,

I am writing this letter seeking answers to my questions stated in a letter from February which were never addressed. The letter from February is attached.

I am sure that the board you represent want to be sure all the "T's" are crossed or it will have a very tarnished image and reputation in the future.

The errors and gross over sites of these wind farms which have been allowed to happen in neighboring states need not happen in Ohio. With you help I am sure they will not.

I will await your reply to my inquiries.

Thank You,

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February 28th, 2012
Hardin Wind Farm Safety Concerns

Ms. Wissman,

I am writing this letter seeking clarification on Section 4906-5-08 (C)(3). If wind farms, especially Invenenergy/Nazre, were required to inform the residents attempting to freely live with their families in the wind farm industrial zone thirty days before a public hearing, why was this not done? I, nor any neighbor I have spoken to received such notification prior to the January 2010 public hearing nor any other hearing. Were there anymore hearings other than the one in January of 2010? Maybe this was the reason I was the only one expressing concerns that night. Makes one wonder does it not?

If the wind farms are responsible, caring, and neighborly as they profess to be they should be the first to stand up to make sure safety requirements and informative meetings are being completed as required by the Ohio Board.

There is intense confusion to the impacts, both negative and positive, of this wind farm where these families are raising children.

The following is a brief list of over all over sites that I have happened upon with a brief over view. How many more are there?

OVERSITE LIST:

- 1- **No letter was sent to inform residence within wind farm industrial zone in accordance with Section 4906-5-08 (C)(3).**
- 2- **I was listed as a cooperating land owner when I was not. I even spoke at the Siting Board hearing in January 2010.**
- 3- **My neighbor's house was not even listed on the wind farm siting map as a residence and I'm sure there must be others.**
- 4- **The prospect of micro-wave transmitting was raised as a concern by myself at the Siting Board hearing in January 2010 but was dismissed until it was established that Invenenergy/Nazre over looked and dismissed 8900 Mid-Ohio members and an entire electric Co-OP.**
- 5- **Safety distances concerning ice throw and adjacent, private property owners must be revealed.**

If I can inadvertently stumble upon these above and grievous errors, how many more could there be? The wind farms themselves should be the first to acknowledge this if they are, truly, respectable, and address them publicly like Americans. Not silently sneaking by hoping no one notices, especially in the two year's time since.

The wind farm errors which have transpired in other states need not repeat themselves in our state. If unscrupulous over cites are allowed to happen here,

Invenergy/Nazre shall later point toward the good people of the Ohio Siting Board as the culprits for any mistakes and not assume their rightful responsibility.

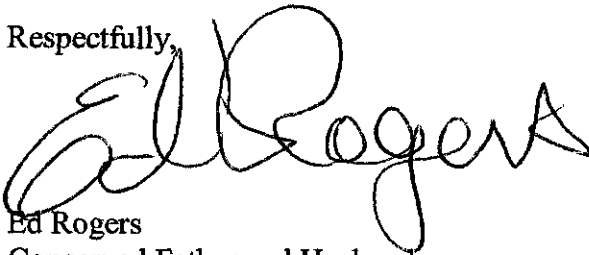
I await your answers to each of my questions within this letter. Also, if they are allowed to not adhere to the letter concerned with Section 4906-5-08 (C)(3), what other laws and requirements are they not going to be hold accountable?

This section should be enforced. These letters should be sent out. A true hearing, by the book, informing the public should be lawfully carried out. No permits should be issued until this is done legally and lawfully and no industrial wind farm should be built unless in accordance to law and your requirements.

I am sure if these lawful requirements were allowed to be illegally dismissed in Van Wert County, the wind farms there are probably bribing the non-participating land owners by now to keep them quiet.

Thank you for your time and your responses to each of my inquiries.

Respectfully,

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Ed Rogers
Concerned Father and Husband