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November 21, 2012

Betty & Louis Drierer  
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Re: Buckeye II Wind Farm  
Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN

Mrs. & Mr. Drierer,

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed Buckeye II Wind Farm. I have docketed your letter in the public comments section of the record in case number 12-0160-EL-BGN.

The adjudicatory proceedings of the case began on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Board's offices in downtown Columbus. Discussions about the case, including turbine setbacks and decommissioning, will be included in the hearing.

Ohio law establishes a minimum "setback" of wind turbines from habitable residences and property lines (Ohio Revised Code 4906-20). Turbines must be located at least 750 feet from the tip of the turbine's nearest blade to the exterior of the nearest residential structure located on adjacent property at the time of the application. Additionally, turbines must be located at least 1.1 times the total height of the turbine, from its base to the top of the blade at its highest point, from the wind facility's property line.

Commercial scale wind turbines typically have a life expectancy of 20-25 years. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC 4906-17) state that applicants must describe a plan for decommissioning each proposed wind facility and address the issue of financial arrangements designed to assure the funding necessary to disassemble the facility. Often, when a certificate is given to a project, it is under a condition that the site must be restored to the same topography that existed prior to construction upon decommissioning.

To view all activity pertaining to this case, siting application, and/or rules governing the installation and operation of wind energy in Ohio, visit the Ohio Power Siting Board's website at [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov).

Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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November 19, 2012

Ohio Power Siting Board  
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Attention: Buckeye Wind Project-Case No.: 12-0160-EL-BGN

Again, we write to express our displeasure at the prospect of having more than one hundred wind turbines as our close neighbors here at our home in Wayne Township in Champaign County. It is not that we are anti "Green". We are long time members of the Sierra Club and even longer time members of the Ohio Citizen's Action Group. Our contributions to those two groups greatly outweigh those given to deter the turbines.

This area is not just large farms with few homes, it is heavily populated. Everpower, the company who wants to build the turbines, has been proposing this project for years. They are so disorganized they still do not know what kind of turbines, what size turbines, what brand of turbines they will erect! They talk of turbines with one hundred foot fiberglass blades. Yet they are only allowing five thousand dollars to dismantle these turbines. How much will it cost to just take down three ten ton blades and place them in a landfill? This project will cost our community a greater amount of money than we shall ever receive in their taxes. Everpower is one huge boondoggle and we cannot afford to have them here.

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