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Mr. & Mrs. Barman,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) in regards to the proposed Greenwich Windpark, OPSB Case No. 13-0990-EL-BGN.

The developer of the wind farm, WindLab, held a public informational at South Central High School on May 22, 2013 in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code requirements. Windlab's website hosts the materials that were shared with the public that evening: <http://greenwichwindpark.com/opsb> ("Open House Poster Presentation"). Additionally, the application was filed on December 24, 2014 and remains available to the public via the OPSB website (<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=13-0990>). Finally, the local public hearing was held on May 6, 2014 at South Central High School. Notice of this hearing was placed in the *Norwalk Reflector* on March 12, 2014 and the *Greenwich Enterprise Review* on March 18, 2014 by Windlab, in accordance with requirements.

As a current case pending before the Board, the comment period for this project is open and your comments will be docketed in the case file. The OPSB welcomes public comments on any project, including those under construction or operation.

The Staff Report of Investigation, filed on April 18, 2014, serves as the OPSB Staff's recommendation to the Board. The Staff's findings on possible impacts to recreational areas may be found on page 22 of the Staff Report. The nearest proposed turbine to a recreational area would be a turbine approximately 1.13 miles from the Greenwich Reservoir Park in the Village of Greenwich. Staff noted that the proposed wind farm will not alter the land use of any recreational land.

Please note that the taxation of a utility facility is not determined by the Ohio Power Siting Board. I would encourage you to contact Windlab or your county commissioners to learn more information about how this proposed facility would be taxed if and when it is certificated and constructed.

Again, thank you for contacting the OPSB.

Steve

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kurt & Elaine [mailto:kurlaine@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 4:26 PM
To: PUCO ContactOPSB
Subject: Greenwich, Oh Wind Turbines

> To whom it may concern:

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> I would like to express my protest to putting a wind farm, and wind
> turbines in the Greenwich, Oh area. I feel that the timeframe for the
> Public Comment was misleading and ill timed. It was held at a time
> when the details of the project had not been reveled. Had the complete
> project been proposed and well documented to the residents of
> Greenwich, there would have been many more protesters. I believe this
> was done with intention. Additionally, the population of Greenwich has
> many Mennonite and Amish families. These family farms have been
> exploited due to their education level and their involvement in the
> politics of our culture.

> I would like to take this time to request that my comment be
> documented and recorded as a public protest

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> My husband works in Greenwich, and my children attend South Central
> Elementary. I work for Huron County Public Health.

> We are involved in the baseball leagues, Fireman's Festival, Parades,
> and other community events. Having the noise from these turbines in
> the area would significantly decrease the quality of life in
> Greenwich. The Greenwich park is one of the best features of
> Greenwich, Oh. It is heavily used by all members of the community,
> from the park area, to the walking trail, baseball diamonds, and egg
> hunts. Having a wind turbine, that sounds like a jet without end,
> would decrease the attendance to this park from the annoying sound of
> the wind turbine.

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> With the economy in significant recession in Greenwich, many of our
> government agencies county-wide are suffering. I know that having the
> promise of revenue generated from these turbines is a potential
> benefit. However, after weighting the long-term benefits versus the
> long-term issues, I find that the majority of residents would not see
> the benefits of the dollars generated, in light of the constant noise
> that would put their health and sanity in jeopardy. There is document
> evidence of the ill health effects. When a population is not healthy,
> the economy suffers, violence and crime go up, drug abuse goes up,
> healthcare costs increase, education level goes down. For example, a
> school can receive

> \$350,000 more per year to put toward education, but if students are
> missing days due to health issues, they cannot benefit from the added
> education services. We are robbing (Peter)the residents of Greenwich,
> to pay (Paul) the agencies that are listed to benefit.

> This is not right.

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> Please reconsider Greenwich, Oh as a location for wind farms. We do
> not want these in Huron County.

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> Thank you,
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> Kurt and Elaine Barman
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