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Ms. Vogel,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding the Greenwich Windpark in case number 13-0990-EL-BGN. Your correspondence in opposition to the project will be docketed in the public comments section of the case record and made available for the Board's review prior to their decision.

This case remains pending before the Board. Before the Board makes a decision, it will consider the complete record in the case, including Windlab's application, the Staff Report, and the transcripts from the public and adjudicatory hearings. All of these materials, as well as an interactive map that indicates the location of each turbine, are available on Ohio Power Siting Board website.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Steve

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From: vogelja@frontier.com [mailto:vogelja@frontier.com]
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Dear Board Members,

I am writing in opposition to the Greenwich Windpark (Case No: 13-0990-EL-BGN).

On June 13, a case document (Correspondence of 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC electronically filed by Teresa Orahoad on behalf of Sally Bloomfield.) was filed stating that recent letters of opposition have been received after the application had been submitted to your board. That is correct, but the

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Reason for the lateness is that these people were uninformed about the project. The same document goes on to state that most of those in opposition are not within the project area. I AM an adjacent property owner, and I consider the Williams, Ledet, Malicki, Rhine, and Kilgore families to absolutely be residents of the project area. This is our community. They are going to be affected too. I found it offensive that their opinions were to be dismissed because Ms. Bloomfield believes their homes are far from the turbines. That simply illustrates a lack of understanding of living in rural areas and a denial of the effects turbines will have on our area. By the way, the sound study clearly shows that sounds from these turbines will reach homes as far as 2492 feet from the nearest turbine.

As far as comments in support of this project, please realize that the majority of comments in support of the project on the OPSB website were made by individuals hoping for a chance to have short-term employment during the construction phase of the project. It is an opportunity for them to make some money. Those people do not live here in Greenwich, and they will be long gone once the turbines are in operation.

Many of the remaining comments in support are from participating landowners and their family members. They stand to receive many thousands of dollars over the lifetime of the project.

Why haven't there been more comments in opposition? The answer may be very simple: **Most members of my community have not been well-informed about this project.** The participating landowners only represent a very small percentage of our population. I believe there are 26 landowners who have signed leases for the project. There are 900 other households within a one-mile radius of the turbines. Many of those households have only recently learned about the project. Even though some leases were signed in 2010, members of this community have been largely in the dark.

I am aware of the public meetings that were held, but many others were not. I attended the May meeting at South Central High School hoping to learn more about the project. Instead, people gave testimony about the project. I spoke to Monica Jensen, the lawyer for the project, and the presiding judge after testimony at the May meeting at South Central High School. I told them that my community is not well-informed. They seemed surprised, **and I asked for another meeting so residents could be informed.**

Would additional tax revenue be beneficial here in Greenwich? Absolutely, but I think residents should be well-informed about the project. Citizens need a chance to weigh the pros and cons of the project. People should be informed about turbine size, setbacks, noise levels, infrasound, flicker, and other potentially negative effects on the lives of residents living near turbines. We need to know that our township trustees and county commissioners are watching out for the citizens and not just dollars. Also, I don't think we should simply discount anecdotal testimony from people around the world who claim wind farms cause negative effects. More study needs to take place to determine what these effects might be. It is no longer sufficient to say wind farms have no DIRECT physiological effects on people. More research needs to be undertaken to determine the indirect effects industrial-sized turbines are having on people living so close to them.

I've lived on this property since 1992. We would not have purchased this land or raised our family here if the turbines were here then. My family is distraught that the placement of turbines could possibly make remaining in our home impossible. We've spent 22 years

enjoying the quiet atmosphere that is a great part of living in the country. Our 6 acres is a wonderful place to live. I'm concerned that having a turbine around 1400' from my home (and many others quite close too) will ruin this beautiful place we call home.

Due to the **community being largely uninformed** about the project and the **likely negative effects** on my family and other residents, I cannot support this project.

I ask that the board **require Windlab to hold another public meeting to better inform residents** before considering approval of this project.

Sincerely,
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