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July 25, 2014

Rural Coonhunters, Inc.
3221 Plymouth East Road
Greenwich, Ohio 44837

Re: Greenwich Windpark, Case No. 13-0990-EL-BGN

Rural Coonhunters, Inc.,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding the Greenwich Windpark, OPSB Case No. 13-0990-EL-BGN. Your correspondence will be docketed in the public comments section of the case record.

It is noted that your organization is opposed to the project.

Several of your concerns, notably concerning noise and ecological impacts, are outlined in the Staff Report of Investigation. This report is available on the OPSB case docket and I have enclosed a copy for your review.

The Greenwich Windpark proposal is currently pending before the Board and, to date, has not been scheduled for the Board's consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this case. If you would like to sign up to receive email notification of upcoming Board agendas and decisions, or if you simply have additional questions, please contact my office at (866) 270-6772.

Sincerely,

Patrick Donlon, Interim Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

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Enclosed: Staff Report of Investigation, Greenwich Windpark, April 18, 2014

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Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7:32 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: Greenwich Windpark Project Case No. 13-0990-EL-BGN
Attachments: OPSB Letter 7-22-2014.pdf

Attached letter to Ohio Power Siting Board from Rural Coonhunters, Inc., 3221 Plymouth East Road, Greenwich, Ohio Phone 419 752-5043

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
Case No. 13-0990-EL-BGN
Greenwich Windpark Project

July 21, 2014

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

In 1956 a group of like mind hunting enthusiasts united to purchase 55 acres in the southeast corner of Greenwich Township. Ten members of that group signed their names to a 30 year loan for the property. I became a reality. I am the Rural Coonhunters Inc.

I became a part of the community. During the 1960's the membership worked hard not only paying on the loan, but adding a small building with kitchen to hold meetings, organize competition hunts or rent for weddings, graduation parties, etc. Also during this time a pond was built to encourage wildlife in the area.

Once again in 1970 the membership signed a new loan. This loan was used to build a 55' x 80' pole barn with full kitchen and restrooms. The larger building and parking area allowed for larger events over the years. Larger competition hunts and dog trials, a primitive rendezvous, 35 yearly Bluegrass Festivals, weddings, reunions, etc. bringing income not only to the organization but to the community. People enjoyed being here. The beauty, peacefulness, serenity and closeness to nature.

Behind the scenes the members worked to preserve and promote wildlife in the area. Feeders were stocked every fall to provide food for all animals and birds. For the last 14 years the members have worked with the county and CRP program to plant 17 acres of the 55 total acres with native plants like prairie grasses, wild flowers and a food plot. My fields and woods now have birds, butterflies, rabbits, fox, coyotes, turkeys and eagles. Yes - For the first time in many years I have turkeys and eagles.

The Rural Coonhunters organization has developed into an organization that promotes and practices sportsmanship, gun and hunting safety and stewardship of the earth. Some members today are 3rd and 4th generation family of the original 1956 members.

I have watched the community around me changing and I feel very threatened.

Many neighboring properties have sold. First the woods are logged, then bulldozed, burnt and drain tile installed. Next year it will be a field of corn or soy beans or a commercial hog-cow-chicken barn.

The members have had to mark and protect my borders to keep logging companies from cutting my trees by mistake.

Now a company that does not know or care that I exist wants to destroy 58 years of hard work and development. Three of the 25 wind turbines proposed by Wind Lab are very close to my border. Just the building of these mega monuments would be very disruptive to our sensitive ecosystem for many miles around. It would take years to recover from such a shattering event. After the turbines are built they will permanently tower over my trees and impose on the beauty and serenity that so many people have enjoyed over the years. That would possibly change the members ability to rent the property thus diminishing income. With the background noise of the turbines will anyone hear and enjoy the sound of the hawks call as she hunts the field, the coyote pups howl when they test the tornado siren every month or the owls conversation after dark. Background noise would definitely affect the ability to hear the dogs in competition hunts or the music during music festivals. Once again that is going to affect income.

Of what value will I be if you allow the Wind Turbines?

No Beauty! No Peacefulness! No Serenity! No closeness to Nature! No Income!!!

As you contemplate the future of wind turbines in Greenwich Township, please remember you may also hold my future in your hands.

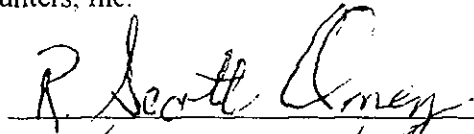
Respectfully,
Rural Coonhunters, Inc.

"Wild beasts and birds are by right not the property merely of the people today, but the property of the unborn generations..." President Theodore Roosevelt

We are opposed to the building of Wind Turbines in Greenwich Township.

Rural Coonhunters, Inc.

President



Vice President

