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From: Puco ContactOPSB
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 12:37 PM
To: Kevin Ledet
Cc: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: RE: Petition
Attachments: To Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

Mr. Ledet,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Greenwich Windpark, Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Case No. 13-0990-EL-BGN. Your comments will be docketed in the case record. Additionally, your duplicate email correspondence to Chairman Johnson on Saturday, August 8, 2014 will also be docketed (Attached).

The Public Comments portion of the case record is available for the OPSB Board Members, parties of the case, and the general public to review. A purview of the docket shows that the OPSB Staff has frequently responded to your questions and has filed numerous concerns since your first correspondence with the Board on June 6, 2014. As previously stated in multiple emails, many of your concerns are addressed in the Staff Report of Investigation for this project.

The Greenwich proposal is still pending before the OPSB. The Board has scheduled a meeting for August 25, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. (Room 11B, 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215), however, to date, an agenda for this meeting ***has not*** been established. The agenda will be available on the OPSB website at a forthcoming date.

Again, thank you for your continued interested in the Greenwich Windpark case.

Sincerely,

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Ohio Power Siting Board
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RE: GREENWICH WIND PARK

Dear Mr. Patrick Donlon:

A group of neighbors, Greenwich Neighbors United, joined together to fight the erection of wind turbines in their community. A proposal is pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board which would allow up to 25 wind turbines to be erected in Greenwich Township. (Docket # 13-0990-EL-BGN)

The neighbors in Greenwich Township are very concerned about the wind turbine development for a number of reasons:

1. Noise - The consistent and loud noise of these turbines, when placed in the proximity of homes and when in operation, have caused health issues to arise in a susceptible part of the population in areas all over the world. This is not an exhaustive list of adverse health effects that are being reported, migraine headaches, vertigo, nausea, tinnitus, and sleep deprivation. These symptoms will destroy the tranquility and health of some people in this rural community of Greenwich.
2. Impact on wildlife – Increased mortality of birds and bats due to impact with the turbine blades or barotrauma the rupturing of the bats lungs by the changing air pressure caused by the turbine blades.
3. Property values-This beautiful rural community will be dramatically altered with the erection of wind turbines which will decrease the property values in this community.
4. Safety – There are various safety problems,
 - A. Ice throw, occurs when ice builds up on the turbine blades and is thrown to neighboring areas. (As far as 853 feet from the turbine as stated in the staff report of this project)
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There was a survey taken of adjacent property owners, whose property border the project area, which showed a vast majority of adjacent property owners are opposed to the Wind park project. This survey was filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board and posted on the public comments section dated 7/22/2014. I would hope that you would view this document in addition to numerous comments filed in opposition to the wind turbines. The residents of Greenwich Township and the surrounding area formally requested a second public hearing, through a petition filed with the OPSB and posted on the public comments section dated 7/31/2014, on the pending proposal of the Greenwich Wind Park. Although there was a public hearing in May 2014, many of the property owners were uninformed about the wind turbines and the negative impact they will have on their community and their quality of life. The Neighbors are hopeful that another hearing will allow for questions to be answered in regard to their concerns of this Wind Park.

In addition, the Ohio General Assembly recently passed SB 310 which sets up a study committee called, the Energy Mandates Study Committee, to review issues related to renewable energy. The report will be issued September, 2015. Greenwich Neighbors United recommends that the issues regarding the negative impacts of wind turbines are addressed by the study committee, and the Greenwich Wind Park be put on hold until this study is completed. Also recently passed HB 483 contains new setback requirements. Due to the safety concerns listed above these new setback requirements must be applied to this and any future project.

We ask for your help and assistance in supporting another public hearing and an opportunity to research the impact of these wind turbines on the Greenwich Township.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact either Gerald Oney or Connie Oney at 419-752-7772 or me at 419-706-3997.

We appreciate any help or assistance you can provide.

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From: Kevin Ledet <kaledet1@gmail.com>
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