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

Many of your concerns related to the proposed project are addressed in the OPSB Staff Report of Investigation, which serves as the OPSB Staff's recommendations to the Board. The Board will consider and vote on the project on August 25.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions about the OPSB or the Greenwich Windpark proposal.

Thanks,

Steve

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Please see attached letter regarding Greenwich Wind Farm. Thank you for your time.

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Mr. Patrick Donlon, Interim Director
Ohio Power Sitting Board
180 E. Broad Street
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Dear Mr. Donlon:

SUBJECT: Greenwich Wind Park - Docket #13-0990-EL-BGN

A group of neighbors, Greenwich Neighbors United, have joined together to fight the erection of wind turbines in our community. A proposal is pending before the Ohio Power Sitting Board which would allow up to 25 wind turbines to the erected in Greenwich Township.

We will be directly affected by this wind farm and do not support the proposal. We live on Star Road so the proposed wind turbines will be directly west and south of our property. We will be able to see the turbines from our property. We also own 29 acres which is located behind our home and to the south towards Plymouth East Road. We are not in any way involved in the wind turbine project and would not allow turbines to be erected on our property.

While it may be reported that there has been no negative response to this project; that is not entirely accurate. While many property owners have signed agreements to have turbines erected on their property, there are many more home owners who do not agree with this project. The promise of financial benefit has had a strong influence in a community that has experienced economic decline and loss of opportunity. It appears that the agreements have been signed under the cover of secrecy as those involved will no longer discuss the agreements. Information provided to our community by Windlab Developments LTD has been inadequate and has not presented all the risks. This wind farm will greatly impact our community for the next 20-25 years. All aspects of this project, both positive and negative, should be clearly reported. It is irresponsible to insist that there will be no types of negative impact.

Our concerns with this development include economic, environmental, and health and safety issues. At this point in time, there are no definitive answers as to the safety and benefit of wind farm projects. Some of our concerns include:

1. Noise: The consistent and loud noise of the turbines has been associated with many different adverse health effects.
2. "Light Flutter" & Wind Patterns: The disruption of light by the turbine blades has been reported as an adverse health effect. Wind patterns may be affected by the number of turbines erected.
3. Impact on Wildlife: Increased mortality of birds [eagles] and bats which can lead to disruption in species and change in the insect populations.
4. Impact on farm animals: The consistent noise may have a negative impact on many farm animals. There is not enough information to conclude that it will not be detrimental.
5. Property Values: The community landscape will be dramatically altered. This could result in less interest in individuals choosing to move to our community, decreased property values, and disruption of future property sales in the affected area.

6. Safety: There are many safety issues that could occur: ice throw, launched debris, turbine fires, turbine failure and blade shear.
7. Cost of Energy: There is no assurance that the cost of electricity in our community will be reduced after the installation of the wind farm.

There is a survey, filed with the Ohio Power Sitting Board, which presented information that there are an overwhelming number of property owners against the project. In addition to numerous comments filed in opposition to the wind turbines, the property owners of Greenwich Township formally requested a second public hearing on the pending proposal of the Greenwich Wind Park. Although there was a public hearing in May, many of the property owners were uninformed about the wind turbines and the negative impact they pose to the community and the quality of life. The Neighbors are hopeful that another hearing will allow for questions to be answered in regard to their concerns.

In addition, the Ohio General Assembly recently passed SB 310 which sets up a study committee, the Energy Mandate Study Committee, to review issues related to renewable energy. The report will be issued September 2015. Recently passed HB 483 contains new setback requirements which should be applied to this project.

Greenwich Neighbors United recommends that the issues regarding the negative impacts of wind turbines be addressed by the study committee and that the Greenwich Wind Park be put on hold until this study is completed.

Because this project will have a great impact on our entire community, we ask for your assistance in supporting an additional public hearing and for the opportunity to gather accurate research data which can be used to provide facts to all parties involved in this project.

Sincerely,

Susan and Steve McCormack