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Patrick Donlon

Interim Director OPSB

RE: Greenwich Wind Park

Dear Mr. Donlon:

I am a part of a group of citizens known as "Greenwich Neighbors United" concerning the installation of an industrial wind power generating facility being erected in our farming community of Greenwich, Ohio. (Docket # 13-0990-EL-BGN).

Our concerns stem from the close proximity these 400+ foot behemoths to our homes and families and the following areas of concern that ensue as a result of their placement.

- 1) Noise both audible and inaudible (infra sound) and its negative effects on people's health, sleep deprivation, vertigo, nausea, tinnitus, just to name a few. This scenario is being played out all over the world where wind turbines are placed too closely to people's homes.
- 2) Property values dramatically decreased (how could this be of any good to our local economy?) as a result of the very presence of overlaying industrial wind turbines over an agricultural setting.
- 3) Safety of our community, the potential for disaster.
 - a) Ice throws
 - b) Turbine fires (mechanical malfunction; lightning)
 - c) Turbine failure (again, mechanical malfunction; blade shear)

There has been a survey filed with the OPSB along with numerous comments signifying an overwhelming number of property owners are against this project. We, the property owners of Greenwich Township, formally request a second public hearing. Though there was a public hearing, the property owners were uninformed and thus unprepared to even begin to ask the right kinds of questions which would have been needed to even grasp the scale of this project. Considering Wind Labs operated covertly in our area for roughly a period of four years in order to get their "ducks in a row"(but we

are expected to be fully prepared to respond simply when a newspaper announcement is made initially regarding a public hearing), this is not an unreasonable request!

Additionally, the Ohio General Assembly recently passed SB 310 which established the Energy Mandates Study Committee to review issues related to renewable energy. Their report will be issued in September of 2015. Greenwich Neighbors United recommends that, until such issues regarding the negative impacts of wind turbines are addressed by said report, the Greenwich Wind Park be put on hold. I am sure that you are aware of the recently passed HB 483 with its new setback requirements. We urge that these new requirements be applied to this project, as it will be for any future projects.

Again, we ask your help and assistance in supporting another public hearing and an opportunity for the proper research to be carried out concerning the impact of these wind turbines on the Greenwich Township community.

Respectfully yours,

Dennis Albert

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