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Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

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RE: Greenwich Wind Park

Dear Chairman Johnson,

I am one concerned person in a group called Greenwich Neighbors United which joined together to fight the erection of wind turbines in our 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)

My home is .6 mile from the closest proposed wind turbine and within 1.5 miles of at least 8 wind turbines. I have read and heard many first hand reports about the consistent annoying noise produced by generating wind turbines causing health issues in a susceptible part of the population. My husband is disabled. He has rheumatoid arthritis. Changes in the air pressure due to weather fronts passing through can make the difference in whether he has a good day or a bad day. Last January my brother moved in with us. He has stage 4 COPD. He can't be without an oxygen tank. Are the turbines going to cause additional health issues? Will we be forced to move from our home?

I am also concerned about property values. If there is a noise issue (with or without health issues) our property value will drop to nothing. To sell a home, Ohio Law requires a Residential Property Disclosure Form be provided from the seller to the potential purchaser. Should I disclose on this form a noise issue with the wind turbines, our property value goes to zero. I live in the country so this may or may not cause an issue for my neighbors. That may not be the case for many residents close to the project area. Turbine 14 has 550 homes in a 1.5 mile circumference. That includes much of Greenwich Village. Should one home on a street in Greenwich have a health or noise issue, that could influence possible sales and property values of all properties on the street.

Handouts from Windlab state "Studies have found that wind facilities do not affect long term property values." If Windlab is comfortable making this statement, then why is there no property value guarantee in their contract?

Safety is another concern. According to Guillermo Rein of London's Imperial College co-author of research estimating that the actual number of fires could be 10 times higher than reported by wind companies worldwide. Lightening is the number 1 reason for fires. Turbines are usually built in unpopulated areas so there is no real concern according to the wind industry. As indicated in the OPSB Public Comments site on 6/13/2014, there are many homes close to the proposed Greenwich Project. Lightening usually comes with

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low cloud cover and winds, what is the time frame from the time a lightening fire starts until the toxic fumes reach the many homes close to these turbines? Where would people go to evacuate? Churches? School? Fire Department meeting room? Can't do that. They are all in the close proximity to the turbine project.

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 Sept, 2015. Greenwich Neighbors United recommends that the issues regarding the negative impacts of wind turbines be addressed by the 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.

According to the Windlab website, they are a development company not a construction and long term maintenance ownership company. By the time issues arise, Windlab will have sold Greenwich Windpark to the highest bidder. No guarantees it will be an American company. Please take that into consideration when deciding the fate of this project in our community.

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 community.

Adjacent property owner, Julia Hicks