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Please find several comments regarding the subject draft EA-2045:

1. LEEDCo likes to brag that they have conducted over 400 public meetings regarding the Icebreaker. When a company receives DOE grant awards totalling over \$ 50.7 million dollars I believe they can conduct these many public relations meetings. I have attended a number of these public meetings. Comments questioning the project were generally screened and not taken. And in some cases the meetings were so structured that only LEEDCo's propaganda was given. Of course they told the public none of the problems that industrial wind turbines will cause in Lake Erie. The DOE should have provided some grant money to opposition groups like the Great Lakes Wind Truth organization so that the truth of Lake Erie industrial wind turbines could be provided to the public. NY State makes available some funding under Article 10 process to opposition groups to educate the public about land based offshore IWT projects. NY State also provides direct cash grants to industrial wind turbine developers for projects under the Green Bank program

2. LEEDCo likes to brag that the public strongly supports this Icebreaker project. That is NOT TRUE as evidenced by a significant poll conducted by the Cleveland Plain Dealer on 3/19/14. The poll was in a story on the LEEDCo project written by their business reporter John Funk:

6,461 votes were cast.

58.26 % OPPOSED wind turbine development in Lake Erie.
2.20 % Undecided vote
39.54% In favor of wind turbine development in Lake Erie

3. LEEDCo likes to brag that they signed up over 8,000 people to take the Power Pledge meaning that these people agreed to pay more on their electric bill for wind energy development. I saw these power pledge cards outside the public relations meeting (called the Big Event) they conducted at the Cleveland Convention Center on 8/22/13. The pledge card showed no \$ amount that the signer was agreeing to. I saw only a couple of people sign up. Separately later in the center I signed up to get informational e-mails from LEEDCo regarding information about the project. I DID NOT sign up or take their Power Pledge. Yet the next day I received an e-mail from LEEDCo thanking me for signing their Power Pledge which of course I did not. This is an example

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of the dishonesty of this company-I wonder how other many false claims they made in their so-called Power Pledge program.

And the people signing up were not given the \$ amounts for the electricity purchases they were making. All part of their public relations program funded by \$ 50.7 million dollars in DOE grant awards they were given.

4. It was at the above meeting in item 3 above that LEEDCo gave out a handout indicating that the buildout of the Icebreaker project to 1,500 MW (they were planning 3.0 MW wind turbines by GE then for the Icebreaker) would bring in \$ 6.5 BILLION Dollars to the Cleveland area. So for 500 industrial wind turbines which would cost approximately \$ 13 million dollars a piece to build. They did not tell the media that. They just tried to brag that this was the start of \$ 6.5 billion dollars flowing to the local economy from offshore wind development in Cleveland. It was no demonstration project to them- it was a done deal that they would immediately go into Phase one after the demonstration project got built.

-At this meeting which was really a media event at which no questions were allowed from the media or the public and LEEDCo of course, made no mention of any of the many problems the project will bring to Lake Erie like to the enviroment, wildlife, scenic view, navigation or heaven forbid, who was going to pay for this \$ 6.5 billion bill for phase one of offshore wind development. How high would electricity rates go for the average electricity ratepayer; annual maintenance costs-- no mention of any of that. This is the meeting where U.S. Congresswoman MARcy Kaptur said that Lake Erie was the Saudi Arabia of Wind- giving a clear sign that there would be thousands of industrial wind turbines in Lake Erie. LEEDCo officials now with Icebreaker Windpower, Inc., a for profit company seemed to make a planned transition. It pays to be devious.

5. Cables transmitting electricity do leak insulating fluids which can pollute. Check out the story from the NY Dyaily News from several years ago about such cables actually leaking in Long Island Bay.

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