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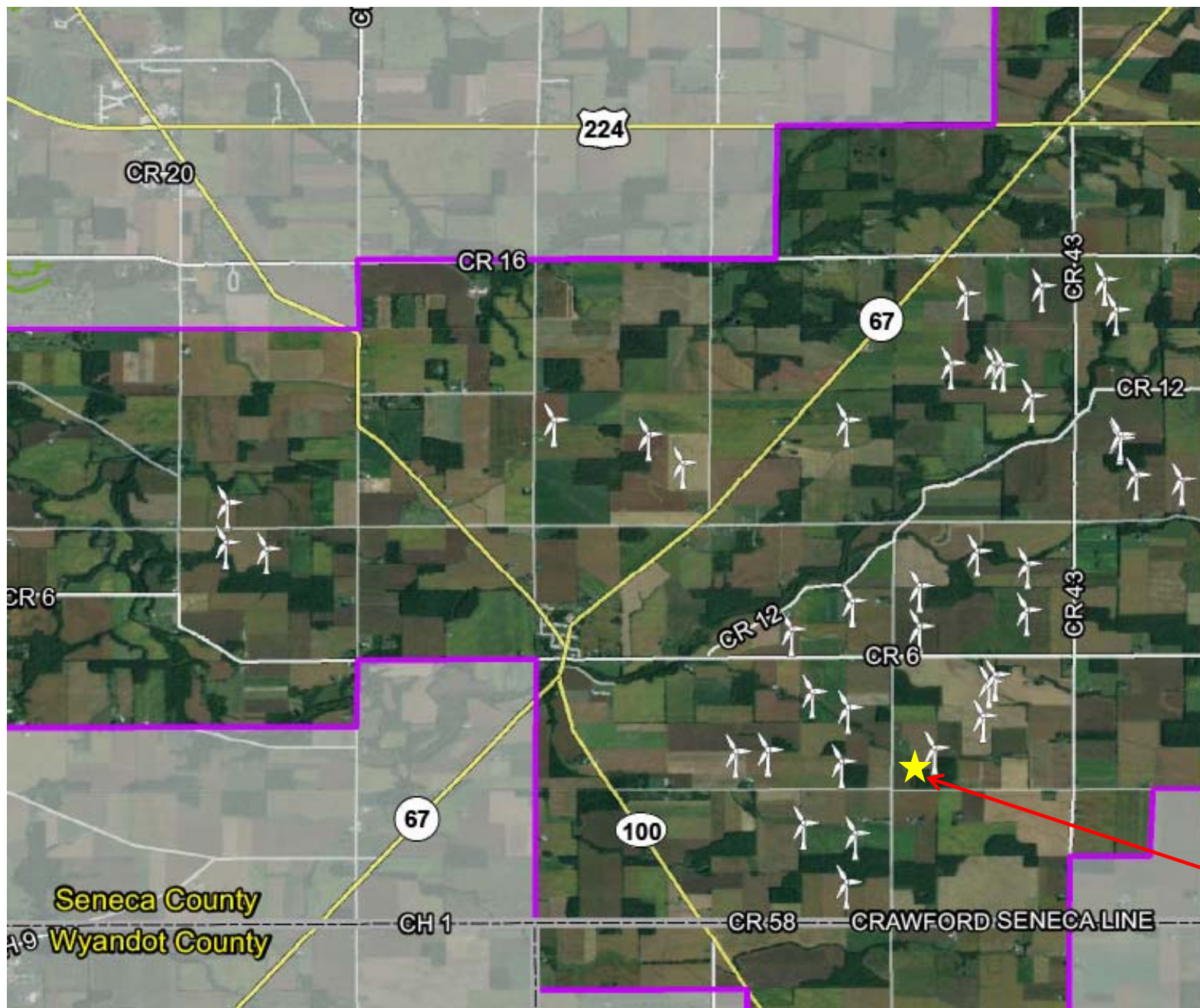
**Subject:** 18-0488-EL-BGN: Seneca Wind Farm

We are writing to you in hopes that you will recognize the negative impact on the adjacent land owners in the area of the proposed Seneca Wind farm. According to sPower's map (attached), we will have (19) turbines located within a 1.5 radius of our house including one roughly 400 yards from our house (if the current setback law is changed).

We know this project generates a lot of money and is a form of renewable energy albeit it is debatable whether wind power is a competitive source. However at what price? For us it is a big price in terms of property values, noise, flicker, potential life flight restrictions, and overall quality of life.

We ask that you consider the rights of the affected property owners.

Regards,  
Greg & Janeen Smith  
Bloomville, OH



Our House



Public comment for 18-0488-EL-BGN

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COUNTRY: USA

COMPANY\_NAME:

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COMMENTS: I'm not sure what place you call home, but I pray your home gives you serenity. I pray your home is a land of preservation and peace. And I pray your home gives you rest, protection, and a refuge from the ugly in this world. I pray you wake each morning refreshed and ready to conquer your day because of the strength you've been given at home each night before.

If I could take a moment of your time to imagine my home, I would paint you a picture much like the above. This small farming community of friends and family in Seneca County is sacred to me. I didn't go off to college and find this place and settle down, I was raised here. My grandparents were raised here. My parents live here. My husband's parents live here. Our sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews, we all live here. We are a farming community, but we are close enough to our neighbors to have been raised with them too. We are all family. The lines that divide our land never divided us, until now.

I can remember a few years ago, my father in-law who owns several parcels of land here, mention the wind project. I can appreciate the fact that he is a stubborn man, who doesn't back down easy once he has made a decision. His stance remains today as we throw away letters from S Power and chase representatives from Atwell-group off our property. As a land owner the concept was something I was aware of, but quickly ignored and played off.

A few weeks ago, everyone in our county received a letter in the mail from Bricker & Eckler Attorneys at Law, explaining the proposed Seneca Wind Farm project in our area. Most of our county was hearing

about the seriousness of this project for the first time, while under the sheets paperwork had already been signed, and the overall investment in the project was enormous and firm. From there, information began to spread, maps began to surface, clearly displaying the lines of division from farmer to farmer and friend to friend. I assure you the pockets that will profit are what separates us, and most of our county is against this.

I am not writing you to express that I disagree with wind turbine energy. My intentions are to explain what a project like this would do to our community and surrounding communities.

I do believe these turbines, or some other natural source of energy is necessary to sustain and prosper in our current living conditions. I do feel they have their place. I just don't think it's here. We are close knit in family, in friendship and in property. To a large city a "farming community" may be defined in one's mind as an area that spans miles and miles of land, but that is not the case here. Our homes stand beside each other on average, about ¼ mile apart in the country, or maybe we can call it just over 1,200 feet.

I cannot fathom the possibility of a turbine being closer to the home of a landowner who was against the project, than the home of a landowner who is receiving the compensation. Our homes are simply too close in this area to sustain such a proposal.

My latest days have consumed me reading about the flicker, the noise, the health concerns, the property value concerns, the future in 20 years, the damage they can do underground, the list goes on. What concerns me most is the division.

As a business owner in this county, as a new generation raising her family in this community, I don't want to move. I want to retire here and continue to grow my legacy here, but the curb appeal is slowly drifting with the foreseen project.

I have a strong faith in God, so I pray that this will all work out. My mother in-law tells me that I need to leave it to him but I'm not so sure that raising my hands in the air will offer a solution. I turn to my elected officials to be the voice of Seneca County. Please understand what a project like this will do to our area. Whatever stance you take, I pray you can go home and night, to your refuge from the world, and be at peace with it. And with the final decision, may God grant us all the serenity to be at peace with it as well.

Thank You for Your Time,

Danette Martin

Attica, Ohio

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