

Public comment 18-0488-EL-BGN

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COUNTRY: USA

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CASE\_NUMBER: 18-0488-EL-BGN: Seneca Wind Farm

COMMENTS: I am extremely disappointed at the lack of communication related to this project and the lack of education that has been provided to date. The wind projects proposed for Seneca County will significantly impact the property values, health, and lives of those living in the proposed wind field areas, and yet, the residents have had no say in these projects to date. Only those land owners that will see significant tax-free revenues from these projects have been contacted up until just recently. The developer of this proposed project, S Power, has been extremely unprofessional in their communication with concerned residents thus far. In addition, they have issued Good Neighbor Contracts asking residents to sign off on their property rights for some nominal fee and in turn their agreement says the resident cannot claim for damages related to any of the stated "Effects" which in the contract is worded as an "Effect Easement". The contract further goes on to define "Effects" as follows: "audio, visual, view, light, shadow flicker, vibration, air turbulence, wake, electromagnetic, ice, or other weather created hazards or other effects of any kind whatsoever resulting directly or indirectly from the operation of the Wind Farm....". This sure seems like a self-admission that these negative side effects do in fact exist, even though when asked directly and included in their FAQs on their website, S Power states, "there's no direct evidence of adverse effects on human health when wind turbines are sited properly". Why is it then legal for them to obtain these contracts in order to place the turbines wherever they see fit instead of where it is safe for the residents of the area?

If individuals sign the contract they agree to a "Setback Easement" which states that the turbine can be located anywhere on the adjacent property even closer than what the current State setback rule

specifies. These "workarounds" to the existing law simply should not be legal. These developers prey on landowners that do not understand what the impact of what they are signing and they do not like to take "no" for an answer. When told "no" their monetary offer increases. The contract also includes a Confidentiality Clause where landowners cannot disclose the terms of the agreement to anyone. What is there to hide? There is nothing ethical about the way the developers of these projects operate! I work in public accounting and work with leaders of businesses day in and day out. I have never seen an operation run quite like these wind projects.

Even more frustrating is the fact that the safety of us residents impacted by the turbines could be further comprised by the potential limitation of setback requirements in SB 238. The response that these are one way regulations and that the proposed setbacks do not impact our ability to use our land is ridiculous. All setbacks should be measured from the property line without exception. Zoning begins at the property line not the front door of the residences on that land. Current property line setback distances should be maintained as minimums. Giving wind developers the right to trespass on our land strips away our property rights and will burden the residents of Seneca County for generations. There are significant health and environmental concerns with the turbines, and I believe it is critical to keep the current setbacks in place to protect the residents living in the affected areas. Only Ohio Townships within a wind project area should be allowed to vote for/against wind project approval since their property rights would be directly affected. Also, the safety setbacks stated in the safety manual for the specified turbines should be made public knowledge and used in any setback regulation process. Safety setbacks are NEVER proprietary information as the Wind Energy Companies would want us to believe.

I ask that you do not allow S Power to move forward with the Seneca Wind Farm due to the unethical business practices it has demonstrated to date. It is clear that they want this project to go at any cost (health, environmental, monetary, etc.) to the local residents as they will receive significant tax incentives as a result.

Thank you,  
Ashley Tidaback

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Also another very important question if the Decibel Levels reach 80-90 – Level at which sustained exposure may result in hearing loss can the turbines be turned OFF until it reaches a reasonable Decibel Level? Also the same question for The Shadow Flicker affect if the rotations intensify in a storm or high winds and what is the plan if there is a tornado warning for safety reasons. How often will the above be monitored?

Thank you,

Donna Lambert

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What will be the DBA for us at 7520 E Twp Rd 58, Bloomville, OH 44818? What will be our specific Sound Level? What will be the Psychoacoustic Level be? What will the Shadow Flicker be as we would daily and thought the day with the assumption that we take a nightly walk around the block? What will be the rotating speed in Hertz ? The distance of that would also be noted. I am giving you the information she will look directly into the blades considering her mental capacity. The remaining questions that was

given to the Ohio Sitting Board last week would also need to addressed. Please mail the answers to the address listed above in this e-mail. Sincerely, Donna Lambert

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**Subject:** Commissioner Kerschner's Article in Attica Hub

Good morning !

I read Mike Kerschner's article that will publish in this week's Attica Hub. As I look out my patio door, trying to work this morning, I cannot help but be distracted (see attached). Owning a few businesses, kids in sports and an Emerging Leaders business class has me too busy to attend your meeting today, yet here I sit getting nothing done.

Mr. Kerschner and fellow commissioner's, I hope that your research in knowing "a lot about wind energy" has taken you through every angle of this issue both positive and negative. I hope your research has taken to a book called "Paradise Destroyed by Gregg Hubner", and the countless testimonies from people in Iowa, Texas or even here in Ohio. I hope your research has navigated you through our densely populated county to make you realize just how close we are. I hope your research has studied why our current setback laws are in place, merely sufficient and what Representative Seitz had to share about the study done in February.

Maybe before you make an argument that there is a silent majority of supporters you should go door to door and see for yourself. How could we be put into an Alternative Energy Zone with no vote? How can this happen in our community with no vote? Is the money really worth all of the damage to our fields, our roadways, our property values, our rural country living, our infringements of our properties ? If there is no adverse affect, then why is there a good neighbor contract to sign off on it and PS, don't tell anyone ! Why has it been such a secret, going door to door to "make an extra \$500 a year! and quick before our neighbors become educated".

What about those 700+ good paying jobs at Davis Besse? And just how much energy do they create in comparison? What about after the damage has been done to our community, how many jobs will be left then? What happens to our turbines once they have reached their life expectancies? Will they be disposed of in a "green" way? In 20 years I will be 54. I know many of the farmers who signed really don't care what happens in 20 years.

As I pray the funds generated by these turbines is clearly defined and understood, who really cares how much money goes into our schools if no one wants to go there ? My entire family is from Seneca County. I built my business and my home here. I will 100% do what I can to be gone if this goes through - and most definitely be leaving with a fraction of my equity. Those that are left will present a CLEAR division between those landowners who have profited and the rest of the county - clearly our "good neighbor" community is a thing of the past. Is that what you mean by stating a "better job being done" ?

Let me be extremely clear that we own a lot of farm land in our family and we had an opportunity to have several of these turbines, so this is not about the fact that our pockets won't profit.

I hope you truly feel in your bones that you are benefiting our quality of life and that maybe all of my research is wrong. I sure hope you are right.

Thank You for Your Time and Interest,

*Danette Martin*

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