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Representative Steven Arndt Ohio House of Representatives, 89th House District

February 20, 2019

Chairman, Ohio Power Siting Board; Fletch Zimpher 180 E Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Fletch,

Included below please see a very disturbing video that faithfully records an alleged "public meeting" to discuss a wind farm proposal in Seneca County in which sheriff's deputies were called by the wind farm developer to dismiss a well-behaved citizen-opponent of the wind farms from attendance. We recognize that wind farms are becoming increasingly controversial, but the requirement for public participation is statutory and necessitates that all sides be given the opportunity to speak, hear, and listen to the various points of view.

We are so troubled at the images shown on the enclosed video that we respectfully request that the wind farm developer be directed to reconvene a proper public hearing and to follow Ohio statutory law by allowing all those—both proponents and opponents—equal access to the facility in order to meaningfully participate in the process.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions; we look forward to your response to our request.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4p7VFVQ7Nw&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop

Sincerely,

State Representative Steve Arndt

89th House District, Erie and Ottawa Counties

State Representative Dick Stein

Dick Stein

57th House District, Huron and Lorain Counties

From: Ohio Power Siting Board
To: Puco Docketing

Subject: public comment 18-1607 [ref:_00Dt0GzXt._500t0FNBIp:ref]

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I need to know the Board members names so that I can write letter against these monsters near my home. The Erie County Commissioners have already voted NO on the pilot program for APEX; therefore as a CONCERNED CITIZEN of Erie County I want to contact the Sighting Board team of people.

Von Yingling Bellevue, Ohio

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My name is Susan Dorski and I live at 9912 State RT, 4 in Erie County. where 8 wind turbines may be placed near my home by the Emerson Creek Wind Project. I first learned of the project in December 2018 when I heard of a meeting being held by the citizens of Groton Twp where I live to inform us of what was taking place. I did attend the meeting with the Erie County Commissioners last week where I stood for an hour and a half to hear peoples comments (It was standing room only). I was very pleased that the commissioners voted against the PILOT project. I am a strong proponent of renewable energy. My husband and I looked into getting a windmill on our property. We also looked into solar panels. There were many issues with the windmill, such as inefficiency, the potential of bothering or even harming the neighbors and what to do with the big thing in fifteen years when it no longer worked. We chose solar panels and for the last five years the sun has provided 50% of our electricity year round on average in our all electric home. We are very happy with the panels and they aren't bothering anybody.

These huge monstrosities that are being proposed by the Emerson Creek Wind Project that will only provide a tiny fraction of our electricity seem so unnecessary. We live on quarry land. About 12 inches down you hit solid limestone. The blasting alone to construct something needing such a deep base is something I don't even want to think about let alone the construction of new roads out to the windmills. It would completely change our environment and in 15-20 years or less they would be outdated. My husband and I are definitely opposed to the project and would love to see solar farms out here.

Ronald and Susan Dorski



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