From: Ohio Power Siting Board
To: Puco Docketing

**Subject:** comment 18-1607 [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0GIMVO:ref ]

**Date:** Monday, April 1, 2019 11:50:19 AM

## To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

We are contacting you in reference to the Emerson Creek Wind project by Apex in our area. There are so many negatives to these turbines that will forever effect the residents in Huron and Erie Counties. A few examples: human health and welfare, wildlife welfare, our beautiful landscapes will be scarred, the soil will be contaminated from dipping oil as well as into our wonderful Lake Erie. Property value will drastically decrease for property owners who have homes near these monsters. No one will want to live near one, therefore we will be stuck to either lose a great deal of money or stay. I am sure you would not like to have one or more in your back yard, better yet I am sure the property owners who are leasing their property to this company are not putting them near their homes, it is all about the money. We moved to the country for the beauty of the land and the peace and quiet. They are certainly not energy efficient either. These are just a few concerns, but very important to us. We hope and pray that you will consider to vote against these turbines and help us keep these life changers out of our counties.

Respectfully,

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Attachments: Letter, Wind Farm Opposition OPSB, Russell.pdf

I am submitting the following and attached as public comment to voice my opinion on Case 18-1607-EL-GBN.

My thanks for your consideration of my opinions.

Sincerely, Richard Russell 1814 State Route 269N, Bellevue, OH 44811 419 - 543-1277 rerussell74@gmail.com

The Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Project 18-1607-EL-BGN Emerson Creek Wind Farm

Dear Members of the Board:

As a resident of Sherman Township in Huron County, this letter is to voice my opposition to the named project by Firelands Wind LLC.

We know that wind energy does not exist without huge government subsidies, particularly from the federal treasury. The piddly amount of power generated by such costly machines does not offer anywhere near the return on investment that a sound business venture should have. The maintenance on these machines alone makes their productivity and cost effectiveness speculative. But, throw in a few million dollars from the federal treasury and it makes the balance sheet look pretty good.

Firelands Wind LLC has been turned down for local government concessions in the form of tax abatements and Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) by the Huron County Board of Commissioners because it was not in the best interests of Huron County.

This summer we will commemorate the Apollo 11 mission, one of our proudest moments and grandest achievements in the history of our United States. Those astronauts that landed on the moon were propelled into space by the Saturn V rocket, standing 363 feet in height. At the time, it was the largest machine that had ever been produced by man.

I can scarcely imagine anything that large, but that rocket would be dwarfed by the size of the proposed industrial wind turbines in the Emerson Creek project. At 655 feet in total height, the behemoths in this project will tower over the surrounding countryside, including the homes in my neighborhood.

Proponents of this project have stated that the wildlife abound and the skies are more blue wherever they see these windmills quietly rotating in the breeze. We know that these idyllic scenes are visible only in cartoons and that the reality of considerable noise, shadow flicker, dead birds and bats and lowered property values wherever there are wind turbines is a very, very sad reality.

If we proceed with this project, the only benefit might be that Representative *Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez* would attend the ground-breaking to congratulate us all on our being a part of the giant hoax known as "The Green New Deal."

Historical data shows that these machines have a useful life of only 9 to 14 years, due to their high maintenance cost and low return on investment. After that time, those windmills will be shut down and the electric transmissions will cease – but those huge structures will continue to be a blight on our area and our landscape, having ruined acres of farmland in the process.

A company that cannot make a profit would likely go out of business and cease operations. And after that, we would be lucky to get someone at 434 -220-7595 to answer the phone (let alone make a payment on an overdue Huron County or Sherman Township tax bill). We will need to ask, "Who's going to clean up this mess?" but there won't be anyone there to answer the phone.

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