

Ohio Power Siting Board

April 8, 2019

I am very much concerned about Apex Wind turbines being installed in the Emerson Creek Wind Farm in the Erie & Huron Co. The Turbines are 655 ft tall tip of blade. The tallest in the U.S. Apex plans on installing 71 turbines in the area. No guarantee how long the turbines would be working, if they work at all.

When installing, the roads will be damaged with the many truck loads of tons & tons of cement. Poles will be removed, cut down trees, transmission lines removed, plus the project is upsetting many homeowners. Taxpayers do not want to pay for roads repaired again.

There are also concerns to the aquifers & Karst formation in the area. There was great flooding a few years ago that caused a lot of problems. Some roads were closed. That will happen again when Apex start digging in the ground. All the underground water will be contaminated.

How will farmers spray their fields with turbine blades spinning? Wind turbines will kill eagles & bats. If we ever killed an eagle, we would be fined. I have seen a couple Eagles sit in a old tree in the neighbors field 1/4 mile from me. The eagle population is greatly growing in this area. The many deer in the area will be gone.

Wind turbines will also change the landscape and beauty of the rural community forever. If you ever lived in the country, you know what I am talking about.

The value of your property will go down. People will not buy land or house where a wind turbine is in the area.

I am asking you to say NO on behalf of the people of Emerson Creek Wind Farm.

Thank you,

Nancy Schnee

April 8,2019

The Ohio Power Siting Board

Case # 18-1607-EL-BGN Emerson Creek Wind Farm

My name is Terry Eisenhauer and I live in Erie County, Groton Township all my life. (70 years)
We live in a Karst area and by the biggest sink hole in the State of Ohio. Several years I have seen
Flooding in this area and if they put wind turbines in, with the added weight , that will affect this
Area.

I am asking you NOT to approve this project.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Eisenhauer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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From: Ohio Power Siting Board <contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us>
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I am sending you this Email to voice my opinion on the wind mills this company is trying to shove down our throats I have lived here for 40 years and I love where I live and to have a company come in and devalue my property and all of the negative things wind mills bring with them isn't right I don't know anyone who wants to wake up in the morning and look out their back door and see some monstrous wind mill in there back yard I am totally against these things and how you people could allow this to happen is be on anything I could imagine

Larry Caldwell

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**OHIO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
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Re: Emerson Creek Wind Farm, 18-1607-EL-BGN

When I retired to my ancestral acres in Lyme Township, Huron County, I was looking over my shoulder for the frackers and the pipeline purveyors. I never thought I'd have to worry about Big Wind, but here it comes, in the name of Apex (and many other corporate designations).

After 50 years in Cleveland, I intended to enjoy rural living again. Huron County may not have the population of Cuyahoga, but it is not unpopulated, and I'd like to think that every Ohio resident is important. The layout of this project sprawls from north to south in a narrow line, thereby impacting the maximum number of people.

This proposed project has divided the community. Those who signed up for the money either didn't or couldn't (because of financial need) consider what they were doing to their neighborhoods. One of those lives near me. He has been quoted publicly as saying what a great project this is and acknowledges that he will gain \$18-20,000 per year. What does his gain mean for my property values? I have never heard a counter to the argument that property values fall when wind turbines appear. He gains, and I lose.

My impression of this Project is that Big Wind blew in, cozied up to elected officials, promised money for the schools and the counties, signed up leaseholders, and only then held a public meeting. A woman was ejected from a public meeting on false pretenses and a "do-over" of the meeting was demanded

by state elected officials. Big Wind has an attitude that I despise—that it has a "done deal," and those of us who question the Project should just shut up.

Being a semi-retired lawyer and law librarian, I have trolled through the 5,350 pages of the Application and Supplement filed by Apex. I will say that it is thorough and that Apex appears to have done its homework, often drawing on the findings of many of our Ohio agencies in preparing the application. What is not available in all of these pages is the financial information behind this Project; in fact, what little financial information appears is redacted. My own research has shown that without substantial government subsidies and tax abatements, these projects would not exist.

Another item I looked for but did not find was the Project's duties upon digging into an Indian burial ground. Erie and Huron counties have many Indian burials. In a field very near my house, about 12 years ago, the landowner wanted to sell some topsoil. However, when digging unearthed an Indian burial, the digging was halted. I want to know specifically what Apex will do when it hits one of these burials, either individual or group.

As a last thought, please consider the loss of Ohio farmland. Ohio's Department of Agriculture has a Farmland Preservation Office. To quote from the Office's website: **Between 1950 and 2000, Ohio lost more than 6.9 million acres of farmland, representing nearly one-third of Ohio's agricultural land.** The cement bases that hold the turbines take up an enormous amount of space underground. Once they go in, that land is lost to farming forever, and Huron County has prime farmland.

I urge you to deny the Apex application on the grounds that it will impact Huron and Erie counties negatively on the economic and environmental fronts. My own state house representative Dick Stein has pointed out in an op-ed in the Norwalk Reflector the minimal energy impact of the wind turbines.

Sincerely,

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SANDUSKY — The once-rare bald eagle may exceed 300 nests in Ohio this year, state wildlife officials predict.

America's national symbol was once down to just four known nests in Ohio in 1979 but has rebounded. During 2018, Ohio Department of Wildlife biologists estimated Ohio had 286 eagle nests raising 445 eaglets, with many of those nests found locally in Ottawa, Erie and Sandusky counties.

The bald eagle was removed from the federal government's endangered species list in 2007 and from Ohio's list in 2012.

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"I am proud of our agency's restoration efforts to bring back this iconic symbol of our nation, and thrilled the population is thriving here," said Kendra Wecker, chief of the ODNR Division of Wildlife. "Each time an eagle soars overhead, Ohioans have the opportunity to experience the natural beauty in our state. Nesting season is an exciting time, and I hope we can exceed 300 nests this year."

State wildlife officials say the western Lake Erie shore area — Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky and Lucas counties — have a sizeable eagle population. Estimates of the number of nests by county are not available, said Brian Plasters, a spokesman for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The breeding population has been going up about 3.5 percent a year for the past 10 years. Eagles typically lay their eggs from mid-February to late March.

March is a good time to look for eagle nests, with visibility good because the trees are still bare. The Division of Wildlife says good places to look for eagle nests are Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area and Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area. Pickerel Creek is located on U.S. 6, about halfway between Sandusky and Fremont.

If you find a nest, however, keep your distance. Wildlife officers advise spectators to stay at least 100 yards away, lest the eagles become anxious and abandon their eggs. Disturbing eagle nests is against the law under the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and taking or bothering an eagle and can lead to a hefty fine and up to a year in jail.

The bald eagle has been the U.S. national bird since the country's founding and is found on many U.S. government seals. Take a dollar out of your wallet, and you'll find a picture of a bald eagle clutching arrows and an olive branch in its talons.

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