**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:38:10 AM

From: Amarilys Lebron <amapolalg21@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 10:52 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Protect the birds

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Sincerely,

**Amarilys Lebron** 

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:38:37 AM

From: ohiobirds.org <amy.downing@ohiobirds.org>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:00 AM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Protect Migratory Birds

## **SAMPLE LETTER**

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I am locally, regionally, and state focused, funding, and working towards conservation to protect our bird and wildlife populations but to also make the world healthier for us humans to survive.

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Sincerely,

Amy Downing, Regional Director Ohio Ornithological Society

And

Director of Blanchard River Watershed Board 419/722.0206

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:37:18 AM

From: Amy Girten <aeg.911@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:24 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Icebreaker Wind project

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Sincerely, Amy E. Girten Shawnee Hills.Ohio

Sent from my iPad

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:41:39 AM

From: Anna Kozlenko <annakozlenko1@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 4:44 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov> **Subject:** Protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project!

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Sincerely, Anna Kozlenko.	
South Euclid, OH 4418	
Virus-free. <u>www.avast.com</u>	

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:16:16 PM

From: mmh2779 <mmh2779@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:14 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Icebreaker Project

Please use the feathering technique on these turbines. I not only do not support wind energy, but running these turbines would be deleterious to the bird and wildlife population near Lake Erie.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: PUCO Consumer Call Center

To: <u>Puco Docketing</u>

Subject: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO - CASE #: 00621002 [ ref:\_00Dt0GzXt.\_500t0Y3Ene:ref ]

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:19:35 AM



# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Consumer Service Division Memorandum

**CASE ID:** 00621002

COMPANY:

**CUSTOMER:** ANONYMOUS CONSUMER ACCOUNT

ADDRESS: Ohio

**SERVICE ADDRESS:** not provided, unknown, Ohio 00000

AIQ: PUCO

NIQ:

\*\*\*To ensure your response attaches to the appropriate case, please reply to this email without changing the subject line. Thank you!\*\*\*

**DOCKETING CASE #: 16-1871-EL-BGN** 

**SUBJECT:** PUCO - Regarding PUCO

Please docket the associated customer comment and/or attached in the case number referenced above under "Public Comments". This information was received by the Consumer Services Division through alternate channels and is being forwarded to be filed formally. This information is not the opinion of Staff and should not be viewed as such.

Reference case number: 16-1871-EL-BGN

I believe the State of Ohio has an obligation to protect our natural resources and should regard the protection of Lake Erie as a priority.

I do not support the Icebreaker Wind Turbine project. I am very concerned about the industrialization of Lake Erie. I strongly urge the Ohio Power Sitting Board to uphold its decision to include 33 critical conditions in its permit to build wind turbines on Ohio's greatest natural resource.

## **Anonymous Consumer**

Sincerely,

## LYshanya Davis

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department Customer Service Assistant (800) 686-PUCO (7826) www.PUCO.ohio.gov

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**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:09:14 PM

----Original Message-----

From: Barb Killeen <a href="mailto:sbarbkilleen@gmail.com">sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:58 PM</a>

To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

Subject:

Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

I am writing to thank you for your commonsense decision to require feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project.

Sincerely, Barbara Killeen

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:40:23 AM

**From:** Beth McGuire <revbeth.mcguire@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 3:35 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Icebreaker Wind project

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Sincerely

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## Rev. Beth A. McGuire (she/her)

May you see the glory of God in sun and sky; may you hear the Creator's song in bird and breeze; and may the grace of Christ's Spirit course through you, body and soul.

—Sam Hamilton-Poore, Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation (Upper Room Books, 2009)

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:39:29 AM

From: B W < bwilkin10@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2020 11:22 AM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

Cc: b W <bwilkin10@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Feathering-Icebreaker Wind Project

### Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

Thank you for your decision to require feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project. Renewable energy development must also minimize the impacts to wildlife. With so many important promises left unfulfilled by this project's developer, you were right to take this commonsense step to protect migratory birds and bats.

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Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Wilkinson Springfield, Ohio

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:41:13 AM

From: Keane, Brian < keaneb@miamioh.edu> Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 11:54 AM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Wind Turbines

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Sincerely Brian Keane

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:40:16 AM

**From:** Brian Tinker <bri> sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 1:11 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

Subject: Please keep the wind turbine feathering requirement in place for the Icebreaker project

Dear Chairman Randazzo & Board members,

Thank you for your decision to require feathering of wind turbines on Lake Erie to protect birds and bats at the Icebreaker Wind project. I have witnessed first-hand the thousands of birds, ducks, and geese that use Lake Erie in the fall and spring to gather and make their difficult trip between South America and Canada. Lake Erie is directly in the path of this important flyway.

I support renewable energy development as long as it minimizes its impacts to wildlife, so you were right to take this step to protect migratory birds and bats.

Bird populations are on a steep decline, and we really need to reverse this course soon before it is too late. Thank you again for your decision to require feathering to help protect migrating wildlife.

Sincerely,

Brian Tinker 315 Notre Dame Ave Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:35:16 AM

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 5:23 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Icebreaker Wind Project

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Sincerely, Carolyn Gann

Sent from my iPhone

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:35:01 AM

**From:** Cynthia Boyer <br/>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:58 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Please KEEP practice of "feathering" at Icebreaker Wind project in Lake Erie

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Turning turbines off at night during migration season (8 months of the year) will save thousands of birds and bats.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Boyer 28 Acapulco Drive Sonoma, CA 95476

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:41:03 AM

**From:** cdellis@wildblue.net <cdellis@wildblue.net>

Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 10:51 AM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** feathering

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For decades, we who are birders in West Virginia have routinely made Lake Erie a destination. We have been impressed with the birds and with the opportunities to see a variety of species and numbers of individual birds which we cannot see at home. We have been happy to spend our vacation funds to do this. We strongly support efforts to maintain the unencumbered pathways for birds on the Great Lakes.

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## Sincerely, Cynthia D. Ellis

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Cynthia D. Ellis 3114 Steel Ridge Road Red House, WV 25168-7724 304 586-4135 h 304 206-0083 c cdellis@wildblue.net

A man is a very small thing, and the night is very large and full of wonders.  $\sim\!\!\text{Edward Plunkett}$ 

**Date:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:35:35 AM

From: daa swimmer <daaswimmer@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 5:31 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>

**Subject:** Bird Conservation

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

The following letter was written by Black Swamp Bird Observatory and I wholeheartedly support what it says. Please accept their words as my request.

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Sincerely

D.A. Arthur an avid and very concerned birder

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