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Subject: comment 16-1871
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:37:53 AM

From: Dan Voydanoff <danvoydanoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 8:21 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Protect migrating birds, please

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From: David Ulmer <davidulmer2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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Sincerely,
David Ulmer

PS, I am a purchaser of wind generated power, but your stand to safeguard migratory birds is more important to me. Thank you again.

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From: DICK HOFFMAN <oldrah@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Feathering condition for wind turbines in Lake Erie

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Sincerely,
Richard A. Hoffman
Cleveland Heights, OH

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From: dbauman@buckeye-express.com <dbauman@buckeye-express.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker Wind Project 16-1871-EL-BGN

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Sincerely,

Don Bauman
Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Conservation Committee, Chair
Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Board of Directors, Chair

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From: Fonda Hollenbaugh <violets13@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:14 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker Wind project

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Until this year, I have been traveling every spring from Pittsburgh to the BSBO/Magee Marsh/Ottawa National Wildlife area for the incredible views of migrating birds. As an environmentalist, I support renewable energy projects. However, as an avid birdwatcher, I would hate to see any projects result in the further loss of bird populations.

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From: Gary Stevens <garyboulder@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker Project Must Responsibly Protect Birds!

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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Sincerely,

Gary Stevens
Rocky River, Ohio

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From: Geary Ridings <geayr2011@gmail.com> **On Behalf Of** Geary Ridings
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Support our birds!

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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I and many other birders have visited Ohio several times over several year to see Warbler migration in and near Magee Marsh. This is a good example of conservation in Ohio and how it results in tangible financial benefits to the state. Allowing this project to kill birds when there's a simple thing they can do to mitigate these impacts will have the same impact on bird tourism in Ohio. Less birds, less birders.

Sincerely,
Geary Ridings
Green Valley, AZ

From: [Puco ContactOPSB](#)
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From: harris abramson <harrisabramson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker Wind Project

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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

Sustainable power generation is critical to combating climate change but, not at the expense of bird life. Please also ensure the proper environmental impact studies and ongoing bird/bat mortality monitoring are realized before permitting any wind development on Lake Erie. I live in Cincinnati but spend spring and fall on the lake due to its attraction to birds. The region is a bird magnet for birds large and small in numbers and variety that boggle the mind. Climate change is the challenge of our generation but addressing it at the additional expense of biodiversity belies sustainability. We can do better - it's a false choice to abandon birds for wind power.

Sincerely,

Harris Abramson
Cincinnati

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From: Helen Ostermiller <hostermiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Feathering at Icebreaker Wind project

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

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Like millions of Americans, I value birds for their aesthetic, economic, and intrinsic value. Like the canary in the coal mine, the health of their populations reflects the environment's health for all of us. But a recent study shows that the United States and Canada lost nearly 3 billion birds — almost 30 percent of the total population — since 1970.

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Sincerely,
Helen Ostermiller
8626 N. Leroy Road, Seville, OH 44273

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From: Hilary White <hbwhite121@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Support for feathering condition

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members,

I am a proud citizen of Holland, Ohio who enjoys her proximity to Lake Erie and abutting wetlands because of their natural beauty and abundant wildlife. As such, I am writing to thank you for your decision to require feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind Project.

Naturally I support renewable energy development as the right way to provide energy resources, but only if it minimizes impacts on wildlife. You have made this decision for all the right reasons; it is based on science, common sense and an appreciation for the bigger picture.

Please do not back away from this important decision that allows our area to remain a **globally important bird area**, while providing energy to Ohio.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Hilary Bell White
8734 Oak Valley Rd.
Holland, Ohio

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From: Janet M Rogers <jmrogers1114@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Protection of Lake Erie Birds - Thank you!

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

I am writing to thank you for your decision to require feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project. I was born in Cleveland and am now a resident of Madison County, and a life long birder and Buckeye. I support renewable energy development if it minimizes its impacts to wildlife. But with so many important promises left unfulfilled by the developer, I strongly believe you were right to take this common sense step to protect migratory birds and bats.

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Sincerely yours,

Janet M. Rogers
3165 State Route 187
London, OH 43140

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From: Jim Denham <jjdenham@wowway.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Icebreaker Wind project

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

My husband and I are long time bird watchers, and strongly support renewable energy, which is why I am writing to thank you for your decision to require feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project. We support renewable energy development if it minimizes its impacts to wildlife. But with so many important promises left unfulfilled by the developer, we strongly believe you were right to take this commonsense step to protect migratory birds and bats.

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Sincerely,

Janice and Jim Denham
5129 East Park Drive
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

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From: JoEllen <jobee949@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: icebreaker wind project

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

I am a casual birdwatcher and a member of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory. I have visited this National Audubon Society designated Globally Important Bird Area several times when visiting family in Toledo.

I am in favor of green energy but am very hesitant to support commercial wind turbines because of their deadly impact on migratory birds and bats. I think the proposed siting of the Icebreaker Wind Project is a mistake and that it should not be allowed in that very important Globally Important Bird Area and twice a year migration flyway.

I am very thankful that you have at the minimum, decided to require feathering to protect migratory birds and bats. The commercial wind generation industry as a whole has not been forthcoming with bird and bat mortality data and too often provides suspect data when it does provide any information on bird/bat deaths. This particular developer has followed that same pattern of not submitting plans for monitoring and mitigating bird deaths nor for bird conservation activities.

Birds and bats are under extreme stress from habitat loss, food/insect resource loss from climate change, toxic pesticides/herbicides, more frequent more violent storms and now commercial wind turbines. We in the U.S. and Canada have lost nearly 3 BILLION birds since the 1970s or almost 30% of the total bird population. We cannot afford any more easily preventable bird deaths.

Please do all you can to protect our too quickly declining migratory bird and bat populations.

Thank-you,

JoEllen Rudolph
Petoskey, MI 49770

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From: John Hageman <outlook_697D817F172399E6@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 6:43 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>; hageman.2@osu.edu
Subject: Offshore Turbine Trash in Lake Erie

Thank you for your decision to hold the illogical Icebreaker Project promoters accountable for their previously agreed upon MOU conditions to help limit widespread bird mortality. If they are permitted to renege, common sense suggests that their proposed industrial monstrosities would be devastating to migratory birds and bats flying across Lake Erie.

Impartial scientific data (not predetermined paid consultant observations) indicates that the area is a globally significant bird area for already diminishing numbers of North American migratory birds valued by multiple countries. As such, to allow a Norwegian company to profit from leasing bottom land that belonging to the sovereign citizens of the United States and the state of Ohio is absurd.

There is no proven way to monitor the extent of the additive mortality that these industrial scale eyesores will be responsible for creating, but any damage to our migratory bird and bat populations cannot be tolerated as some of the affected species are already teetering toward extinction.

There are better solutions to combat climate change than allowing a project to predictably destroy North American wildlife by prostituting our beloved Lake Erie.

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From: Josiah Stumbo <josiahstumbo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Please protect our important migratory bird species that depend on us!

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Sincerely,

Josiah Stumbo
Ohio Citizen and Bird Enthusiast

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