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To whomever it may concern

I have viewed the redacted report at the below link that was filed yesterday 10/21/2020:

<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/DocumentRecord.aspx?DocID=d82d90e5-955c-4284-80be-63ca822945d>

It infuriates me that this redacted "report" is what gets filed when there is a catastrophic incident like this one. The companies legal reasoning for redacting portions of the report is as long as the actual incident report. There is no information or measurements in the report of how far blade fragments flew other than them indicating that the "Blade debris fell directly beneath turbine". I am not a rocket scientist or engineer but from the pictures alone you can see that is NOT true. Debris looks to be scattered in several directions that would NOT be described as "directly beneath the turbine" by an average person. This coupled with no information regarding wind speeds at the time of the incident seems to leave many variables missing that would be valuable. Will they also be required to file the results of Vestas root cause analysis?

Also to me if the wind turbine mfg (Vestas in this case) would like this information to be redacted then why would they not file a motion with the OPSB? It is not up to Timber Road to protect them. It seems as Timber Road is just trying to hide their own operations from the public. This is exactly why these industrial wind turbine developers will continue to face such heavy resistance from the public regarding public safety. It is clear that Vestas is having some major issues with their blades right now and not thoroughly disclosing all pertinent information jeopardize public safety. Here is just a few examples of issues Vestas is having (attached and below):

- **October 7th 2020**
 - Dundonnell wind farm stops production after blade falls off turbine - "In a statement, project owner Tilt Renewables said "a single blade separated from the hub of a turbine and fell to the ground. There were no injuries caused by the incident and there is no damage to any other property or wind turbines to report.""
 - <https://reneweconomy.com.au/dundonnell-wind-farm-stops-production-after-blade-falls-off-turbine-15865/?fbclid=IwAR0qgX4Gb8TaUyJRYs1Sf1Km155-uspjwvSCMB1bbz9u-RUVm5ELvaNnI>
- **September 7th and 15th 2020**
 - Broken wind farm blades worry local farmers, residents near Lexington
 - The company confirmed to The Pantagraph that **two wind turbines**, manufactured by Vestas, experienced blade failures on Sept. 7 and on Sept. 15, a **third blade failure occurred**.
 - https://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/broken-wind-farm-blades-worry-local-farmers-residents-near-lexington/article_9db85191-de7d-5182-ae17-ee61cab24c7.html?fbclid=IwAR2W7ThNI4PyC-e7CnZrRBoib_VejP_cFZ4_8RgUAihQZkMxXnj7oeI8IE#utm_campaign=blox&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social
- **September 17th 2020/October 21st**
 - MidAmerican Energy idles 46 wind turbines after blade troubles
 - "DES MOINES — Iowa-based electric utility MidAmerican Energy has idled nearly four dozen power-generating wind turbines after huge blades broke off two turbines in recent weeks."
 - "Similar incidents were reported in April and in October 2019 at Adair County wind farms."
 - <https://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/business/midamerican-energy-iowa-wind-turbine-blade-fall-problems-20201021#:~:text=The%20company%20acknowledged%20that%20one,No%20one%20was%20hurt,https://youtu.be/wJLQW5gJQeE>
 - <https://www.kcci.com/article/wind-turbine-blade-breaks-off-in-iowa/34424503#:~:text=PATON%2C%20Iowa%20%E2%80%94%94,broke%20off%20in%20central%20Iowa.&text=Advertisement:The%20latest%20incident%20happened%20Thursday%20near%20Paton%2C%20in%20Greene%20County,type%20of%20lightning%20protection%20system.>
- **September 18th 2020**
 - Second wind power accident in a short time - blades torn apart in Tönsen
 - "On Thursday, a wing was torn off from one of the turbines in the wind farm at Tönsen. This is the second time this has happened in a short time. Now the wind power company is urging people to keep a safety distance of 300 meters. "
 - https://www.svt.se/nyheter/lokalt/gavleborg/andra-vindkraftsolyckan-pa-kort-tid-blad-slets-sonder-i-tonsen?fbclid=IwAR3Il-9hLlwpwujJ-EiifcSoxEokCXN6H0K_fOcdIQqzY4RbTK41Glia87g
 - Youtube video indicates Vestas several times
 - <https://youtu.be/CK4TIDZlyBM?t=88>
- **September 16th 2019**
 - Blade incident, Yendon, Lal Lal Wind Farms
 - <http://www.lallalwindfarms.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Lal-Lal-Wind-Farms-Turbine-Blade-Incident-Yendon-update-23-September-2019-11.pdf>

I realize I would have to hire a lawyer to file a memorandum of contra to get this filed on the official record (which I can NOT afford) but let this serve as a public comment rebuttal to this sham report. Please file this a public comment on this projects official case file.

Thank You

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