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To Whom this may concern,

My name is Ginna Hinchcliff. I live in Grover Hill Ohio. My address is 309 Wayne Street Grover Hill, Ohio. I live in Latty Township in Paulding County.

I'm opposed to the proposed wind project that will be towering over my community. Grover Hill is a small rural community in Paulding County with a population of 382 according to the US Census for 2020. I have lived here my whole life and I have family that live here as well. I have chosen to raise my children in this very close tight knit community that I have grown to love during my lifetime living here.

In the late fall of 2020, Chase and I noticed a possible access road west of town while driving on 114 heading east. Shortly after, we started noticing freshly dug mounds of dirt in fields so we started looking into the matter. By driving to those mounds of dirt that had a pathway back to them. As there were no signs up saying "No Trespassing or Private Property" put up at any of the sites we decided to take pictures and contact a local township trustee as stated in previous emails from myself and Chase to the OPSB.

After the clarification was made. We both felt that we needed to contact someone for more information but didn't know at first where to go. All these other projects that have gone on around us were never spoken about to the public. Only a select group knew about the projects (landowners, county commissioners and township trustees). The communities here never had a say what goes on around their communities or homes. Something that I'm sure many have the same view as I do about it never being made known to the community/communities. Many felt after they started going up there was nothing they could do about it.

We were approached by some community members that wanted to bring awareness to our community about the project and that is how Chase and I became involved and found out which state group governs projects like this in Ohio. So we joined them and found out who we could get more information from. That is where our journey began.

I'm not going to reiterate what was sent to the OPSB staff members, as you already know and are aware of the pictures that were sent.

I personally feel that the wind company does not have the best interest at hand for our community. The height of the wind turbines they are proposing for this project will tower over this small community at over 650 feet. As the board knows I recently submitted pictures as examples to what it's like to live in these project zones where there is multiple industrial wind turbines projects. We see them on a daily basis and many sadly have to live underneath them already.

I simply don't want my community, my family, or myself to be forced to live underneath these huge

industrial turbines. Just like Scott and Haviland which are the two neighboring towns about 5 miles east of Grover Hill. That isn't a good quality way of life to live among those enormous industrial machines.

As I continue to work with fellow community members to bring awareness about this proposed project in our community. I have learned there were many that didn't even know there was a proposed wind project to go up right in front of their homes and so absurdly close to town. Others knew and didn't like the fact more were going up in our county. I feel it was 50/50 on knowing and not knowing. Community members didn't know how or where to voice their concerns because many feel that our local county commissioners don't care to listen since they are promoting the project. This goes right down to the local township level as well.

This has been a huge problem in Paulding County as the communities never had a say in these projects just as Grover Hill hasn't until now as Protect Grover Hill Skies was formed to help our community where there is a very large group who doesn't want this propose project. The second biggest hit came when the community members were notified that the wind company had already started construction on their project. The community was not pleased at all by the wind company and local officials who gave the green light for permits to start as they knew they needed the OPSB'S approval and permits. The community came more unpleased by how the wind company stated "it was common practice for them to do so to "safe haven" their project for the federal production tax credit." So in their eyes the wind company, county officials and local township officials as well as the landowners blatantly done this under the noses of the community. The community members are voicing that they can not trust our local government or landowners involved with why there was a investigation done to begin with. In this community trust and honesty goes along way with them. As it should with everyone else.

The oldest war strategy is to divide and conquer. A strategy that is very common to mankind. There has been some divideness with these recent events in our community. In order to obtain what they are wanting and that's more wind turbines. As the board knows there's been an email from myself on this matter. Because I was one of those community members who went through things with my own family. Who were ok with my opinion but then a few individuals and along with a small group of community members made it a damaging family issue. There was no need to do what was done to me. My family was neutral until things started developing more and people getting influenced by other people's opinions. I've heard other stories from community members who have experience similar situations like mine as well.

As I been working on bring awareness to my community for the past year. I've noticed that many of these Leases are from other shell companies with Starwood who filed Chapter 11 under those shell companies names so this has been going on for years in our community. Only ones who knew where the land owners, county commissioners and the wind company. Again not much for the other community members to know what's going on around them and was kept quiet. Also, finding out in many of the wind companies contracts that were filed in public records of the ones who hold a lease with them of any kind. They are responsible for helping finance the wind projects through whatever resources they may have. Plus they cannot speck ill of the wind company to the community. Infact, they have to speak good of them and promote the further development of the "project".

Could this be why so many like to keep this quiet? Only speak out at public meetings like the one we had last month. Where the ones wanting them we're landowners who open agreed to this will secure generations to come and their families? I understand the ones who spoke on a business level at the meeting last month. That's business in my opinion. But what very much concerned me was hearing it was about money and securing the families for years to come. At who's expense? The communities expense making them live around and under these industrial wind turbines that studies are not clear on the actual impact they have among living around them on humans or species. Many landowners have a wind participation agreement on their farm land but not on their homes is a "Good Neighbor Agreement" where they expect their neighbors to sign along with the wind company who maliciously uses people's finances against them due to we living in a rural low income county!

As the general manager as I stated Brad Norton to the OPSB what was said to many people who didn't want them around their homes. Plus many Not having knowledge of these massive wind turbines. Were told " It's a done deal. See they are already starting construction. You can get paid for them around you or you can not. Either way your living with them around you". In previous emails along with Chase Dunderman. So it's okay for the landowners and wind company to railroad our community into a project many don't want. There is already a email sent by myself about Mr. Norden's lack of professionalism and ethics.

As Amber Marriman stated at the meeting in her testimony. "Just this week our grid operator PJM, put out a recommendation that there be a 2 year delay for many projects in their pipeline. They specifically cited wind and solar as projects that needed to be reevaluated. There are currently 225,000 MEGAWATTS of nameplate capacity in the PJM service pipeline. Of that capacity, 95% is wind, solar, and battery backup technologies. PJM has admitted they are overburdened by these projects. Why are we not listening to our very own GRID EXPERTS on this? Another notable fact is that PJM is OVER capacity right now based on the annual demand for power. This specifically means there is NO necessary future construction of power generating stations needed at this time.

Lastly, the Ohio Power Siting Board has begun to strongly consider the public interest, convenience, and necessity for these utility scale industrial projects. PJM is flat out telling us none of those conditions exist today. It's on the developer to PROVE without a doubt those issues are met. It is our opinion the developer does not have ground to stand on in this regard. We ask you to DENY the certificate for Grover Hill Wind".

The grid operator is saying they are backed up on their pipeline for 2 years. I've had many community members state "Why is our electric bills so high?" Our community does not see the benefits of having these turbines in our communities our electric bills keep going up. I can agree with my community members on that as I myself have seen my electric bill continue to increase each month. In my house we live like cave men with no other way to put it. Because my electric bill keeps rising. I'm always looking for ways to try to reduce my electric bill. But after looking at my AEP bill every month we are paying a lot of extra fees to keep maintenance on the existing projects in our area where they had to add substations more lines except to transport the energy to the grid. The energy for this project is already sold once its approved and up running is to be sold to GM for their

Defiance and Ft Wayne plants to use. Again we don't see the benefits of these projects.

Paulding County has so many wind turbines and the extension that was added to the northern part of Van Wert County. Our local news stations in Ft Wayne have to adjust the radars every time windmills are added to the project in Paulding County. The stations have even said on live air "Why does people in Ohio have to have so many wind turbines. We are always adjusting our radars." Both Ft Wayne stations of Wane 15 and ABC 21 have said that numerous times. They are right...When is enough a enough??

I'm asking you to Deny the Grover Hill project so our county isn't completely going to be covered with wind turbine. To let what is left of our rural county and communities to enjoy the country living that we all love so much.

Sincerely;
Ginna Hinchcliff

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