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Public Comment on Rules change for setbacks Code 4906-4-09.

As The Ohio Power Siting Board is faced with more and more issues of approving Green Energy Projects across the state of Ohio it is a tad bit disturbing that set back rules become less instead of more to protect the citizens that live in the country where more and more of these projects seem to be coming to. In the interest of safety to the people who live in the area it just seems "common sense" would rule on making the safety of the citizens in the area to be on the side of not decreasing the setbacks.

The issue of problems from these fairly new energy resources seems to be kept from people because it does not meet the criteria of the industry and people behind it. It seems citizens on their own are looking into these issues as they emerge into the areas where they live. As we are seeing from countries and other states in the United States that have had wind and solar in their area longer than we have they are now realizing the trickledown effect of some of the decisions they made and are paying dearly now for those actions. Higher cost of energy and promises made from the industries that are just not panning out. Any adverse issues seem to be overlooked or not reported to the degree that the supposed benefits and contribution was going to be. Let alone the fact that there will never come a time when wind and solar are going to provide the energy that we now require in this day and age 24/7. For that to happen it is going to take extreme sacrifices from the world to give up things that we have become familiar and relied on for years. It may even take us back in time to a way of life that many of our population will not be able to deal with.

Until there is more proof and reliable information on any adverse effects these solar panels will have in the future I don't understand why the OPSB would want to decrease setbacks.

I've listened to several public forums on these issues and proceedings of your projects for review by your board. I have always been amazed at the lack of questioning there had been of the companies performing these studies. They are companies that are not in this area and don't know our area yet they are experts. How many studies have they done in the Ohio area? That question never seems to have been asked. Most of the time the testimony of the studies done by the company, was by a high ranking official of the company. Did he do the study? Question not asked. Why were the people who actually did the study not there to testify or to answer questions about the study they did? The lawyers from these companies are constantly opposing citizens from testifying because they are not qualified. Yet the people that seem to testify for them were never questioned as to what their qualifications were because they were not there to find out or be asked that. The company supervisor testified that they were qualified. Also the employees of the OPSB that were overseeing these studies, seemed very nervous when asked questions. I didn't hear of them being asked if they were there when these studies were being done, monitoring them to assure us that what they reported was actually done in our area and not just taken from a study that was done elsewhere and used for reporting purposes. I heard testimony from citizens in the area that reported fallacies about the area where sound equipment was placed, landscape area reportings, etc.

We are now hearing of issues with the taller wind turbines falling because of poor construction and not taking into consideration the atmospheric issues of being taller and ice on blades issues and ice throw from being taller and in clouds. Once they are up are these issues being dealt with by the companies and where was the expert study on this?

The one problem that I have with the OPSB on approving these issues is, once they are approved who does the monitoring to see to it that these companies are fulfilling all the promises and assurances they make? It is obvious that the rural counties and townships don't have the personnel, expertise, or money to do it. Not even the tax benefits that are being dangled like a carrot before them will cover it. Even more unfortunate is the fact most of the people in the area aren't able to certify that the images appearing are an

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least give them the benefit of having more of a set back and not less of one.

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