

Hello, my name is Helen Corlew, and I live at 12301 Hwy 2 Petersburg, ND , in Nelson County. I am here to provide personal experience living near a wind turbine. My husband, Robert Newman, and I moved to ND from the state of Michigan in 1995 when he accepted a professorship at the University of North Dakota. We purchased our farmstead in 1995 just before our move to ND. We wanted something in the country without the encroachment of urbanization. The beauty of the wide open space has become our home. And North Dakota is where we wish to stay.

We live $\frac{3}{4}$ miles ~~east~~^{west} of the Minnekota Wind Turbine located near Petersburg, ND Nelson County. This turbine was dedicated in July 2002 and even with the set back of $\frac{3}{4}$ miles we know the turbine is there. This turbine is approximately 230 feet tall weighing 130 tons. It has maximum output of 900 kW. It is the nuisance of the blade noise and also a vibration that can be felt through the body that I do not appreciate. Days when the wind is more easterly and/or with moisture in the air, the turbine reminds you that it is present. It is very loud with the whooshing of the blades and it is felt through your body. I have no idea what affect this has on my sled dogs which are outside 24/7.

I have stated to family and friends that I could not imagine having more than one near us and having to deal with the noise and vibration. The thought of turbines possibly being physically closer is a big concern of mine and also for the health of my sled dogs and myself.

I am not against wind power BUT I want everyone that lives near potential turbine building sites to be approached (come knock on our doors) and involved before they are determined to be built. Just because it is not your land that the turbine is being built on does NOT mean it will not affect you so all involved in the future construction of turbines need to include all the population in area of interest. The impact on the land around me from access roads to the actual construction of the

turbines has the potential of impacting my own land and my wetlands. So yes, I should be consulted before hand. Also, air quality, noise (turbine itself but also construction), and the loss of the natural beauty does impact anyone living near a potential turbine site, so again all need to be consulted not just the land owner. The impact to wildlife and the fly zone for migratory birds is also a concern that is not addressed adequately. It is a known fact raptors are being killed by turbine blades in the state of Washington. Since the "best" wind is in the fly zones for migratory birds of course they will be impacted! The birds use these winds to help them to make their long migratory flights and if turbines are put up by the hundreds, there will be an impact on their survival. Wouldn't it be nice if land, air and wildlife impact studies were done that were NOT funded by the people doing the potential projects. What a novel idea.

I recommend everyone live 4 weeks (one week in summer, fall, winter and spring), 24/7 near a wind turbine at the setback being suggested (1/4 mile) and then discuss the needed regulations for set backs and construction of wind turbines to protect all living beings that will be impacted.

I request that my statement, on the topic of wind turbines, be on record for this meeting. Here are copies of my statement.

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