

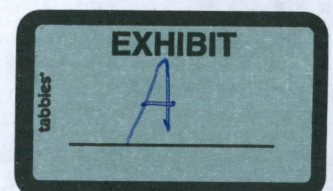
Good Morning, my name is Perry Johnson. I am here representing myself and my three siblings as land owners Sections 13 and 14 in Lucy Township. I appreciate this opportunity to address the issue of wind towers being installed in our neighborhood. I will make this brief but want to reiterate a few things that I am sure you have heard many times, not only here but at other locations where wind farms are being considered.

For the following reasons we (my siblings and I) do not want wind towers on our land, in Lucy Township and anywhere near by.

1. Contrary to popular thought, the generation of electricity using wind towers is not environmentally friendly. According to a report published by Newsweek Magazine, studies performed by the US EPA found that the carbon foot print of wind produced energy may be as high as 364 grams per kilowatt hour which is lower than that generated by fossil fuels, however because the wind is not reliable and only performs about 40% of the time, a coal or gas power generator must be kept on line for back up, thus using two plants to do the work of one.
2. Former Secretary of Interior Ron Zinke reported that wind towers kill an estimated 750,000 birds a year.
3. Wind energy is not self sustaining, in fact if it weren't for taxpayer subsidies Nexterra wouldn't be in the wind power business. The wind power industry received billions of dollars each year from tax payer subsidies. Newsweek magazine published an article written by Randy Simmons an economist from Utah State University showing that the lifecycle cost of wind power generation is about \$149 per megawatt hour or 14.9 cents per kilowatt hour. We as purchasers of electricity pay on average 7 to 9 cents per kwh. That means the remainder is paid by our taxes. So in reality the wind generation program takes money from the general taxpayer and puts it in the hands of the large energy companies. If this or future administrations remove the subsidies, companies like Nexterra will drop the wind power business and their towers will stand on our prairies without maintenance, eventually failing and becoming a rusting danger to residents and environment like that of a mad max movie scene.
4. Reports indicate that there is potential for negative health affects on humans and wildlife due to low frequency noise from blades and generators, flickering light and ground vibration.
5. some seem think the scene of a farm of wind mills standing on the horizon is thing of beauty, in my opinion they are an eyesore on our beautiful prairie landscape. If we allow wind towers to be built all around us not only will they be an eyesore but soon there will be bone yards of old used tower parts dotting the neighborhood, like you see in this picture I took near a wind farm in another part of the state.
6. For these and other reasons, the Bottom line is my siblings and I DO NOT WANT wind towers destroying our farm and prairie environment, endangering birds and wildlife and cluttering our horizons and ask you to decide against the expansion of wind farms east of County Highway 11 (the King's Highway)

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Thank you.

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