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John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!!

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This letter is about the burke/divide wind towers. I live in Cleary township 160- 93 and I have land in sections 1,2,11, 12. I feel that the meeting was unfair to us people of burke county. I feel that a public meeting should be held so that the people can attend and voice there opinions. There was several times the voice and audio was lost, the longest I timed was 12 minutes, and a lot of interrupted shorter periods. Several people was hard to hear. I would like to know why Clay Cameron was looking upward a lot when he was talking, it seemed to me that he was being coached from a monitor. I would like to know how the old blades are being disposed of when they decommission a tower. I sure don't want them disposed of in burke county. I read a letter from the game and fish and I got the impression that Nextera tried to improve somewhat on the wild life, but game and fish was still not going to award a five star rating yet. I also would like to know how these 1 acre or 2 acre pot holes are going to be built and where? The hole point I gather is not to be disturbing the earth, and by doing this they will be doing just that. To me it seems to be a wasted concept, we should just leave what is here alone and scrap this project. As I understand this second attempt was supposed to be a new location or be relocated entirely, it is still inside the old plan, just shifted to the west some. I feel that these wind farms decrease the value of our land when it would come up for sale. I know of a young couple that purchased an old farm site from a lady that lived in leaf mountain township an at the time of the sale the lady never told anything about the towers coming in that area. If the couple would have known this they would never would have bought the farm site. I live on a 3rd generation farm and I do feel that if my neighbor constructs an object beyond a reasonable height and size, and if it interferences with your view one should have reasonable cause to dispute the object. I do not agree that the roads will not be impacted from a project like this. Roads that were constructed by a mucker (a road building device of the old days) are not capable of handling continuous heavy loads. I will briefly try to describe a mucker. It was a large belt type conveyor with a large disc blade on the ground end that cut the earth and placed the soil on the belt. It was powered by an engine and pulled by horses or tractor. There was no striping of the top soil off, the top soil went right in the bottom of the road witch does not make for a firm road base. I believe Pat Ely stated that Nextera never contacted him or the land owner when they drove down crops. I have been told that he was not the only one that happened to. Maybe it would be a good idea to contact everyone involved in this project and ask if Nextera has fulfilled there promises. we should not have a company in here that is not doing what they say is going to be done. I feel that the oil field has impacted this area enough and if we keep it up there will be nothing left here to enjoy here. I chose to keep the family farm alive and that it was the place for me to enjoy myself. I love the wild life, the scenery of the rolling hills. God created this country for us to enjoy like it is in it's natural state, not with industrial structures ruining the natural state of the land. Nextera stated they are hiring local help. I know of a gravel company 3 miles north of Powers Lake that was never contacted to supply gravel for this project. He has stated to me that his summer is looking very poor for work lined up. I believe that a out of state company has the contract for the pro ject and has obtained land for gravel production. Why can't a local company benefit from this project, I thought the hole goal of this project was the benefits

to the local businesses and the county. I know only of 1 job fair held in powers lake area and I did see 1 local person applying. If Nextera is allowed to do this project and start as soon as possible, what measures are going to be done to prevent the spread of the covid-19 virus with the people they bring into this area, or are we expendable and don't matter in this equation. I feel that our county commissioners only looked at the money they were promised for the county. I feel that the commissioners let the people down. There are townships now that are making there own township ordinances , one must ask why are they doing this, was it because they are being let down by the county. I feel we are being let down. If I am correct on a news statement that Julie made, that the power grid is being over loaded now with the power being generated. Why is this happening and why are we trying to add to the problem by creating new wind farms. Lets correct one problem before adding more to it. Please deny this project. If you have any questions you may contact me at 701 339 8697. Thank you for you time . Ronald Peters

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