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Regarding Horse Creek Wind Farm

Case # 12-F-0575

Dear Secretary Burgess:

In reading Avangrid Renewables' Public Involvement Plan we are perplexed as to why the local outreach office for the proposed Horse Creek Wind Farm project is located near Lowville, in a different county, with very limited office hours. We do not consider this to be local, as it would take many of our residents more than an hour of drive-time to visit the office. We also have an Amish population, which travels via horse and buggy. The location of the office in Lowville would present a hardship to them.

This appears to be a weak attempt of public outreach, with little or no money being spent by the developer in Jefferson County.

In section 3.0 of the DPS response to the definition of adjacent landowners, the DPS recommends that landowners within 5000 feet should be included. Avangrid's revised submission disregards the recommendation, and states 2500 feet is considered as "adjacent." We believe the definition should include residences within 5000 feet of a turbine.

We would like to know when the maximum turbine height will be disclosed, as Avangrid's PIP states "taller turbines may be found to be preferable..." It also states that the maximum potential height should be identified from the beginning of the public outreach program. When can we expect this information?

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