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Madam Secretary:

Reference; Ball Hill Wind Energy Project (Case 18-E-0654)

I am a resident of the Town of Villenova living in the area of the Ball Hill Wind Project. I believe the request for a CPCN by RES should be denied. There is absolutely no need or necessity for an industrial wind turbine project of this scope as proposed by RES. The Chautauqua County Planning Board voted against approving this project after doing much research and hearing input from residents for and against the project and also from RES representatives. Because of New York State's Home Rule law, the unethical compromised Villenova Town Board was able to obtain the supermajority vote needed to override the County Planning Board. Town of Villenova Supervisor Ardillor and RES representative Mark Lyons put so much pressure on Town Councilman Tessey, that he resigned just before the vote. The Supervisor then appointed the former Supervisor, Yvonne Park, to the Council position to assure the outcome of the vote.

A new SEQRA for the increased turbine height has not been done.

World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations for increased setbacks from residences have been ignored. RES has been unable to provide any factual information on the health impacts of the 599 feet turbines. And, they are also disregarding the newest WHO 45db recommendations.

Studies have shown a decrease in property values in areas with industrial wind turbine projects. Trespass Zoning will further decrease property values for many non-participating landowners. The greater turbine height has increased the overlay radius thus making more land unusable and these land owners are not being compensated.

The Ball Hill Wind Project is not in the public interest. The only benefactors of this Project are the developer, RES, and the 23 participating land owners. RES will be compensated 60-70% by government (taxpayer) funding for the Project. The jobs created will be temporary jobs during construction mainly from out of state workers. There may be a couple of permanent jobs when the Project is complete. RES will probably sell off the Project when completed and who knows what will happen then. There are too many unknown possible negative impacts to our health, our environment, and our local economy to make this project a necessity at this time. Please deny the CPCN.

Respectfully,

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