

# Town of Orleans

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Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess

Secretary to the Commission New York State Public Service Commission Generation Siting and Environment

Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

Regarding Horse Creek Wind Farm

Case # 12-F-0575

Dear Secretary Burgess:

We, as a town board, have concerns over the recent informational open house hosted in Depauville by Avangrid/Atlantic Wind/Iberdrola on Sept. 21, as a part of the public involvement plan.

The session was held at the Depauville Fire Hall, but after Labor Day Weekend, the traditional departure date of a high percentage of our seasonal residents/taxpayers, who this project would impact. Since the plan to hold this session was referred to several months ago by the developer during a Town of Lyme meeting, there was seemingly plenty of time to conduct the open house at an earlier date, when the majority of our residents are in the vicinity.

A second concern involves the lack of publicity for this open house. Small legal notices appeared in the local newspapers, but no advertisements appeared in the local newspapers. The attempt to involve the public seems to have been insufficient, as the attendance in both the afternoon and evening sessions was very poor.

Additionally, some residents within the overlay district where the wind project is planned, received invitations to the session, while the vast majority of the population did not. Between 60 and 72 turbine towers will be approximately 500-feet high, and will have a huge visual impact in our tourist region for many miles in all directions.

Should not the Orleans, Clayton, Brownville and Lyme local town boards, planning boards and zoning boards of appeals been notified? We think so.

These turbines may affect property values, among other impacts, which is why the majority of the residents should be included in all aspects of public involvement.

Material distributed refers to the majority of the public being in favor of the project. In our personal experience, we do not find this to be accurate. We ask that the claims are supported by details of the survey that was taken.

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