

**STATE OF NEW YORK
BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION
SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

In re the Matter of:

**Application of Eight Point Wind for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 to Construct
a Wind Energy Project.**

CASE 16-F-0062

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF:

TRACEY PICKERING

967 COUNTY ROUTE 84

REXVILLE, NY 14877

MEMBER OF:

CITIZENS FOR MAINTAINING OUR RURAL ENVIRONMENT

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CANISTEO, NY 14823

1 **Q: Please state your name and home address.**

2 A: Tracey Pickering, 967 County Route 84, Rexville, NY, 14877. My home address is also
3 my mailing address.

4 **Q: Are you employed? If yes, by whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

5 A: I am employed by Whitesville Central School District as a school bus driver. Also, I am a
6 farmer at my home residence. I raise cattle, chickens, pigs and goats.

7 **Q: Please describe your educational background.**

8 A: High school education.

9 **Q: On whose behalf are you submitting this testimony?**

10 A: I submit this testimony on behalf of myself, my husband, my daughter and my
11 grandchildren. Also, on behalf of the affected public at large.

12 **Q: Are you familiar with Eight Point Wind Project? If so, how?**

13 A: I reside within the project and will be gravely impacted by the turbines surrounding our
14 homes and agricultural barns.

15 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

16 A: The purpose of my testimony is to inform the Board of my concerns with the proposed
17 project. My residence and agriculture business will be impacted by this project.

18 **Q: As part of your analysis what components did you review?**

19 A: I reviewed the Shadow Flicker Report submitted by Eight Point Wind.

20 **Q: Where is your home located in relation to the project?**

21 A: I am receptor number 512. My residence and barns are between turbines 24 and 25.

22 **Q: What impact, if any, will the project have on your residence?**

1 A: We will have at least 3 turbines within ¼ mile of our property. More than ½ of our
2 property will receive shadow flicker which is measured to a residence. As farmers, we
3 spend most of our daylight hours outside. We will be affected more outside than in my
4 home. This is shown in appendices 15-1. I am also concerned about the vibrations,
5 pressures and noise that is also associated with wind turbines. With at least 8 turbines
6 surrounding us and within close proximity to our residence, we will be negatively and
7 greatly impacted.

8 **Q: What impact, if any, will the project have on your agricultural business?**

9 A: As stated above, turbine #24 is located near our cattle barn and pasture. By our
10 calculation it is between 1,100-1,200 feet from our cattle barn.

11 **Q: To your knowledge does the Eight Point Wind Application identify or respond to**
12 **your concerns as required by 16 NYCRR 1001.2(c)**

13 A: No. To date, Eight Point Wind has not contacted us nor have they offered any
14 compensation in order to accommodate us. The feasibility of this project depends on the
15 use of our property for shadow and noise impact for which we have not been offered
16 compensation nor given permission which is trespass of property rights.

17 **Q: Are you a member of any organization to raise awareness of turbines impact in**
18 **rural areas?**

19 A: Yes, I am a member of the not for profit organization called Citizens for Maintaining Our
20 Rural Environment (CMORE).

21 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

22 A. Yes.