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Via Email

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary to the PSC Re: Case 16-F-0268, Application of Atlantic Wind LLC for a certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the North Ridge Wind Energy Project in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County.

Dear Secretary Burgess:

**We the people** have become the **guinea pigs** in these gross energy market schemes. These schemes are designed to use up assets and resources available through government funding as well as procurement of leased land from private individuals for very little.

For large corporations, this is a win.

Avangrid is an arm for Iberdrola, an alias the multibillion dollar FOREIGN corporation is allowed to operate under in our country for the use of stealing tax dollars. Despite not proving to be heavy job

creators they are allowed to tout large numbers representing job creation which simply does not exist. They are allowed to use nameplate capacity to exaggerate their contribution to the energy grid. Iberdrola and every other wind company is allowed to state a wonderful green benefit despite reducing hydro, expanding the grid, clearcutting millions of acres of trees worldwide, polluting water, using rare minerals, contributing to carbon emissions and therefore climate change, as well as the enormous footprint of manufacturing.

What a joke!

With all the negatives the state and siting board members are not standing up for the tax paying citizens who are in need of protection from these predatory companies.

Reading articles describing life among turbines I am saddened and in disbelief that **officials are knowingly harming children by allowing these turbines to be placed within miles of residences.**

The attached article mentions stories from a **4 year old child** who is experiencing the negative effects of living among turbines.

I wonder what sort of people are not willing to listen to these stories and make sure the **offender (industrial turbine corporation)** is made to take the turbine down, is fined, and made to pay that family for their loss of quality of life.

I have children and after reading the endless documentation (scientific and testimonial), I would never live near a wind facility, *not within many miles*. I care for my children, have spent years ensuring they are in good health, and caring for their emotional needs. I certainly would not endanger them or allow a reduction in lifestyle to accommodate a greedy corporate hunger. By allowing these turbines within miles, *officials are doing exactly that...*

**endangering children and their families.**

These stories are not unique, this is literally taking place all over the world, it is happening. At this point the state officials, country officials, and siting board members have been presented with more than enough information to support a moratorium on all projects, *at the very least.*

By taking part in any aspect of siting industrial turbines near homes you are an **accomplice to these crimes against humanity**. I certainly would not want to attach my name to such a dubious action and could not stand by while something, I know to be harmful, is continued.

The siting process needs to halt. There needs to be a **statewide moratorium on all projects** until the actual energy production is calculated, the actual usage is made public, the actual carbon footprint is discovered and publicized, the infrasound/low-frequency output stopped, the loss of prime farm land stopped, the

actual long-term job creation numbers publicized, etc. There are many drawbacks, the net losses are far greater than the supposed benefit which is highly inflated by the corporations and energy industry sector.

In the meantime... **NO MORE PILOTS!**

None of these corporations deserve free money. If money is available for green projects it should go directly to the consumer. Household solar projects, local energy projects, school rooftop solar, rooftop solar on small businesses, green renovation, etc. Large multibillion-dollar foreign corporations have not earned a piece of the American pie.

Respectfully,

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# The Post-Journal

## Legislature Hears From Residents Impacted By Wind Farms

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MAYVILLE — Several residents who are either currently **dealing with or soon will be the affects of wind farms** spoke to the Chautauqua County Legislature last week.

**Seven people from Arkwright or the Cassadaga area spoke to the legislature about the negative impact the wind turbines are having on their lives.** The residents complained about the **loud noise** the turbines make, which isn't a light whooshing sound, but more like a **jet airplane**. People spoke about getting sick and having headaches. Parents spoke about how their **children are being impacted more severely** than they are being affected. They also said their **property values have decreased dramatically**. Two people, along with complaining themselves about the wind farms, also read letters from people who are negatively being impacted by the turbines, but weren't able attend the meeting.

Chautauqua County Executive George Borrello told The Post-Journal it is **heartbreaking to hear the horror stories** from residents experiencing the problems, especially listening stories about how **children are being affected**.

"When you are hearing stories about **4-year-old children having issues**, you know they're not making it up. (The wind farms) are having a real impact," he said.

Borrello, who has been an outspoken opponent of wind farms, said Chautauqua County is an experiment for the businesses constructing the wind farms. He said the **turbines are closer to homes and taller** than in other areas.

"At the Ball Hill project, there is going to be a **600-foot-tall tower**. There has never been a tower built that tall on land anywhere in the U.S.," he said. "We don't know the impact because it has never happened before. Us being used as **guinea pigs is wrong**. I hope we don't see anymore. I will do what I can to prevent the construction of anymore wind turbines. **They're bad for health, bad for the economy and a waste of taxpayer dollars.**"

Borrello said county officials and residents have exhausted every avenue to stop any of the wind projects that have been approved. He said a significant step was taken to prevent future wind turbine projects when the legislature in March passed a resolution preventing the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency to provide Payment In Lieu Of Taxes agreements to any wind farm project over 5 megawatts.

However, he said the state can override the county with through the Article 10 process.

The three wind projects that have been approved includes Arkwright Summit Wind Farm, the Ball Hill and the Cassadaga Wind LLC.

The wind towers constructed in the town of Arkwright were turned on for the first time earlier this month. The Arkwright Summit Wind Farm turbines are all located in Arkwright and connected to the grid in the town of Pomfret. The wind farm consists of four Vestas 110V 2-MW wind turbines and 32 Vestas 110V 2.2-MW wind turbines.

The proposed Ball Hill wind project is being done by wind company Renewable Energy System. The 100-megawatt wind farm is being proposed in the towns of Villenova and Hanover. The Ball Hill Wind Energy project is a 100V wind farm with 23 turbines permitted for operation in Villenova and six in Hanover.

In August, the town of Villenova approved an amendment for the wind turbines to go from 495 feet to 599 feet in maximum height, taller than any land-based turbines in the country. However, in August the town of Hanover didn't approve the height amendment, which means the wind turbines in the town will have a maximum height of 495 feet.

The Cassadaga Wind LLC project is being proposed to be located in Cherry Creek, Charlotte and Stockton. The project is 126-MW wind farm and is a \$220 million capital project. Spanning approximately 40,000 acres of mostly farmland and recreational land, the wind facility is expected to have up to 48 wind turbines.