

ADVOCATES FOR SPRINGFIELD

P. O. Box 25
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August 2, 2006

Richard Jack, Supervisor
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RE: Jordanville Wind Project DEIS

Dear Supervisor Jack:

Advocates for Springfield has previously commented on the Jordanville Wind Project DEIS by letters dated June 29, 2006 and July 12, 2006. The observations contained in those prior letters are included by reference in this summary of our comments and concerns.

We have attended all three public hearings on this project and believe that the DEIS is not adequate to allow the lead agency to move forward to prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement. The applicant should be requested to re-submit its DEIS to answer numerous questions raised by the public and to add analyses that are missing.

The missing material includes but is not limited to:

- Adequate visual impact information for surrounding communities such as Springfield.
- Adequate information regarding the deterioration of television reception.
- Specific solutions for night lighting as negotiated with the FAA.
- Proper analysis of alternative actions such as municipal sponsorship of a smaller project.
- Proper analysis of a multi-phased project.

This list includes only issues that we have raised ourselves and should be expanded to include the public's concerns regarding noise, health effects, water considerations, bird and wildlife issues, economic impacts, and a host of other questions.

We have not heard from any of the Involved Agencies and believe that you should press these agencies to respond with comments. These agencies include the state's department of transportation, department of environmental conservation, the public service commission, the federal Army Corps of Engineers, and others. Without these responses, we believe that you will be missing substantial evaluations and should not proceed to a FEIS.

If you decide, instead, to proceed to prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement, we believe you will not have taken a hard look at the information submitted by the applicant.

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The missing materials and evaluations are simply too important to the reasonable evaluation of this project.

Until we see and can evaluate the additional information listed above, we believe that several mitigations are necessary to address our concerns. These include the following:

- Large segments of the project will be highly visible from many parts of Springfield. Some of these 400 foot high turbines are no more than 500 feet from our town line. We request that the setback be at least one mile, in order to reduce the visual impact.
- The project stretches for about 7 miles and, depending upon your vantage point, will cover a large part of the horizon. We request that no vantage point at a distance of one mile from the nearest turbine have more than 20% of its field of view obstructed by turbines.
- 42 red strobe lights will identify the project at night for pilots. We request that only the perimeter of the project be identified with six lights, that these lights be white, that their design be directional pointing up, and that the off part of the strobe cycle be lengthened to the maximum agreeable to the FAA.
- Phasing the project approval, if granted, is a good way to experience the actual impacts of a smaller scale before proceeding to a larger scale. We request that you divide the project into a first phase of 10-15 turbines and refrain from approving a subsequent phase until the initial installation can be evaluated.

Thank you for considering these additional comments.

Sincerely yours,

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President

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