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Mr. Butler,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the workshop on the rule making process. While I chose not to offer official testimony at the last meeting, your request that we should all send in our comments has encouraged me to do so. Most of us have been submitting comments for 7-8 years now but I am reminded that the composition of the board and staff could be very different at this time.

My two areas of greatest concern are the sequence of events preceding property owner notification and set backs.

1. I believe that public notification must come first: before any leases are signed. Those signing leases need time to educate themselves and others who are simply dropped in the footprint, (non-participant land owners) have a right to know what's coming before it is a "done deal". The first public meeting, as it currently is done, is not a meeting but merely a display and is a bit of a joke. Another point, population density, should be taken into consideration when planning industrial wind generation and, I believe, should also be part of the certification criteria.

2. Setbacks have always been a matter of contention since the old rules violated the property rights of non-participant land owners. Now that the legislature has acted to increase the minimum setback and make them from property lines, the rules must be made to enforce this legislation. These decisions were made for very valid reasons to protect all those people in the footprint, including contract holders.

At first thought, local control of such issues seems like it would be a good thing, but realizing that the local officials are often involved parties, and could not make unbiased decisions, it becomes a bad idea very quickly. Therefore, I believe the O.P.S.B. must make rules to force compliance with all legislation and be very hesitant to grant any wavers.

We have tried to understand just how this state and others were divided up to grant individual projects territorial rights for leasing the parcels so that no competitive lease offers were available. Our congressional representative was unable or perhaps unwilling to provide us with that answer. I believe, this type of secret adds to the distrust and division among residents in any proposed industrial wind project. Can you provide an answer to that question?

While I could list several other concerns, most have already been brought to the boards attention by U.N.U., G.N.U., Mr. Biglin, Ms Reitschlin, and others. I strongly concur with all their comments and recommendations. I plan to continue attending meetings and participate in the rule workshops in any way I can. I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you.

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