David Birkholz

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Dear Mr. Birkholz:

I attended the Noble Flat Hill Windpark meeting held in Glyndon a couple weeks ago and would like to share a couple comments on the project. While in general I don't necessarily have any concerns about the project I do have a couple questions about it.

1. My first question is whether or not the location of the project is in the best available wind area. Has Noble Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC conducted adequate wind studies to determine whether or not this area has the best wind. In other words, is the wind blowing more consistently a few miles away for better energy production. One or two miles an hour wind speed could make the difference in wind production.

2. Who exactly are they selling the energy to. I know for a fact that Minnkota Power based in Grand Forks North Dakota has not been contacted by this organization. The representative from Noble Flat indicated that they were working on contracts for the output of the wind park.

3. What exactly is the projected net wind capacity of this wind park. Is it 30%, 28%, 33%? This information would be useful for other individuals who may want to consider installing a turbine. While I understand that the information may be proprietary in nature, it should be made public. If that information is not made public, how can one determine if the project is the best bang for the buck. We all know that base load generation is by far more productive and economical and for every wind park that goes up, you still have to build baseload generation.

Sincerely,

Lauren Brorby