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Mr. Birkholz:

We feel the need to add to the written statement that was submitted to you from us, Daniel and Natalie Herzog, via mail. You can not and hopefully will not have to experience what we go through on a daily basis. This wind project is consuming our daily lives; every conversation somehow ends up with this as the topic.

We were going through Noble's Certificate of Need Application and felt the need for you to address some items they have documented:

1. Page 24 – Noble states under section 2.2.4 Timing - that **5 years** of on site wind data has been compiled, we do not believe that to be the fact. Noble only recently went before the Clay County Planning Commission asking for permission to put up wind velocity towers to measure wind speed. This was on Oct 21, 2008. This data can be seen at www.co.clay.mn.us/Depts/PlanEnvi?AgMinPDF/102108PM.pdf Once again their integrity and honesty should be in question.

2. Page 38 – Table 8 - Existing Daily Traffic Levels Within The Project Area – We live on County Road 91. There is no possible way that 90 vehicles drive by our home on a daily basis. Even during harvest time I find this number to be on the high side. The same goes for County Road 93, which would be 1 mile to the north of us. We find the number of vehicles stated in the chart to be incredibly high. In our 19 years of living in this area, we have never seen that amount of traffic on these roads.

3. Page 40 – 8.9 Noise – Noble states that Typical baseline average day-night sound levels measured in A-weighted decibels in the Project Area likely range from approximately 38 dB(A) to 48 dB(A). The key word here is ***likely***. Testing needs to be done in our location. This testing could have been done anywhere and at anytime.

Also, after making a trip to Edgley, ND where there are 41 wind towers, we have to correct our previous statement on ½ mile to ¾ mile radius. Any distance closer than 1 mile is to close for comfort.

Sincerely,

Daniel Herzog
Natalie Herzog