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Attention: Mr. Larry Hartman

RE: Comments on EcoHarmony West Wind Project
PUC Docket No. IP6688/WS-09-973

Dear Mr. Larry Hartman,

This letter is to express concerns over the above reference project. Let me first iterate that my wife and I are not against wind energy but feel there has been minimal research and discussion in regards to the negatives of the said wind towers and the proposed EcoHarmony West Wind Project.

There are several issues that need to be addressed prior to allowing continued expansion of wind turbines and the proposed local wind farms. The following issues are some of the main concerns, yet not the only concerns; Noise, shadowing, visual, soil damage(s) and property valuations to name a few.

Noise I believe is the most prevalent of these issues. Air speed across the blades and off the tips of the blades create noise. Frequency levels at 1,500 feet will be heard and can affect ones physical and mental health. There are many articles to support this statement.

Shadowing is an issue created from the normal blade rotation and the light of the sun. This continual flickering can also have an impact on ones physical and mental health.

Visual is all in ones preference. We have specifically moved into the country to enjoy the heritage and tranquility that this area of Fillmore county offers. We, as owners of pristine property, feel that our rights are being infringed upon with the current parameters of the EcoHarmony West Wind Project.

Our recommendation to you would simply be this. Create a 2,000' – 2,500' setback, depending on turbine size, from properties that choose not to participate with this current project. By creating this type of setback one can minimize or eliminate the noise, shadowing and visual issues at hand.

I believe that the current project has close to 25,000 acres secured for this wind project. With proper planning EcoHarmony West Wind representatives should be able to accommodate, and address, all the needs of all participating and non-participating residences within the EcoHarmony West Wind Project.

Sincerely,



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Concerned Fillmore County Residents