

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: 1700 w. 138th st Mon Oct 5 11:34:46 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Monday, October 05, 2009 11:35:31 AM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Brian Stoll 1700 w. 138th st

County: Dakota County

City: mn

Email: 952-451-1407

Phone:

Impact: The project has apparently not been well thought out. The fact that the residents that would be impacted have been left out of the decision making process which is fundamentally wrong. The negative impacts on the residents far outweighs the benefit for this particular project. The windmills are by nature effective when installed with all relevant facts considered. Put them in a place that is SAFE and that does not diminish the quality of life for those affected. This is just plain common sense here. There are solutions to this project that will work in the best interests of the citizens affected by this project.

Mitigation: The windmills should be placed in areas that will have NO effect on the residents in the path of the Windmills. Take a page from our neighbors in North Dakota. Their windmills are miles from the closest human beings and seem to do the job.

Submission date: Mon Oct 5 11:34:46 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: 216 East Adams Sun Oct 4 08:43:09 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2009 8:42:45 AM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Richard Thomes 216 East Adams

County: Sibley County

City: MN

Email:

Phone: 507-964-5844

Impact: Wind energy is the right thing but this appears to be the wrong place. Why put huge wind generators in an area of population growth when in Minnesota we have such a large area of usable land outside the 7 county metro area? I beleive wind generation is one of the best ways to produce electricity but I feel there is plenty of rual land in Minnesota that would make a better place to produce it.

Thank You

Mitigation:

Submission date: Sun Oct 4 08:43:09 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: 216 East Adams Sun Oct 4 08:43:09 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2009 8:42:45 AM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Richard Thomes 216 East Adams

County: Sibley County

City: MN

Email:

Phone: 507-964-5844

Impact: Wind energy is the right thing but this appears to be the wrong place. Why put huge wind generators in an area of population growth when in Minnesota we have such a large area of usable land outside the 7 county metro area? I beleive wind generation is one of the best ways to produce electricity but I feel there is plenty of rual land in Minnesota that would make a better place to produce it.

Thank You

Mitigation:

Submission date: Sun Oct 4 08:43:09 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: jpapke@q.com
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Greenvale Wind Farm Comment - Just Say NO
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 8:39:26 AM

I am sending this to comment on the Greenvale Wind Farm. I was understood that comments could be sent until 4:00 pm today October 7th, but the comment section has been removed from the PUC website. Prior to today there was a comment section.

September 03, 2009	Notice of Public Information Meeting for Greenvale Wind Farm document details	Public Information Meeting for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm to be held September 22, 2009, in Greenvale Township. Comments are accepted on the proposed project through <u>October 7, 2009</u>
--------------------	---	---

Having been born in southern Minnesota I have witnessed the growth of wind farms and am a proponent of alternative energies. However, alternative energies need to be carefully implemented. There are many documented negatives to wind farms. Most of these can be mitigated by planning and placement. Wind farms do not belong next to homes.

The effects of noise and shadow flicker as well as the safety hazard if there is a failure or fire demands that appropriate set backs be established. Until I stopped and researched these issues I did not realize how critical placement this was to this issue.

Take a laptop, walk 800 to 1000 feet from your house and look at some of these websites.

Would you like to have this flicker happen to your house? <http://www.wind-watch.org/video-freedom-maine.php> or <http://www.wind-watch.org/video-fonddulacflicker.php>

What about disasters? Windmills are destroyed every year by brake failure, fire, etc. The debris field is up to one mile. Look at this video <http://www.wind-watch.org/video-turbinecollapses.php> Would you want this scattering debris on your land? 1,000 feet setback doesn't help.

How do you think this would impact your real estate value if there was a wind farm that close to your house?

The time to plan and appropriately implement decision on wind farms is now. Not after they are built. Not after a disaster, not after lawsuits are filed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debra Papke
Shorewood, Minnesota

From: anna@sparksenergy.net
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Greenvale Wind Farm Public Comments
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 10:32:02 PM

Suzanne,

One more comment -

Many people have stated they would like the area to remain rural. We believe that wind turbines help maintain a rural landscape, as there can be no development on the land that has been leased for the turbines.

Thank you,
Anna Schmalzbauer

From: anna@sparksenergy.net
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Greenvale Wind Farm Public Notice
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 10:18:53 PM

Suzanne,

I would like the following comments to be part of the public record.

Wind power is most efficient when it can be used at the source of generation rather than transmitting the power for many miles by transmission line. This project will tie into the local distribution network and provide electricity for about 3,000 homes in the cities of Northfield, Farmington and Lakeville. The project does not require any additional transmission lines and all power lines will be buried.

Energy that is generated and used locally prevents the need for additional high lines such as CapX2020. More community-based wind farms would eliminated the need for high wire projects.

Wind is free and there is an endless supply. This project will provide electricity for the community for the next 30 years. Wind energy produces zero green house gas emissions, does not contribute to air pollution, is renewable and inexhaustible, does not require water and creates new jobs.

Minnesota imports almost of all its fuel used to generate electricity from other states. We spend over \$3.5 billion per year on electricity, nearly all of which leaves the state. This wind energy project will be locally-owned and operated.

Minnesota utilities are mandated to generate 25% of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025. Currently, Minnesota receives less than 2% of its electricity from wind. This project is needed to help the utilities reach their mandate. (Information taken from Windustry).

Project opponents state that wind turbines should not be in the metro area. However, turbines are already up and running in the metro area. The City of North Saint Paul recently installed a turbine and the City of Maple Grove has a turbine in its downtown area. Turbines are slated for the cities of Chaska, Shakopee, Anoka and Buffalo. Additionally, outside of the metro area, the cities of Arlington, Browton, East Grand Forks, Le Sueur, Olivia and Winthrop will all erect a turbine.

"Not in my back yard" concerns are most often sited by opponents. This

project will meet or exceed all state guidelines for safety and noise.

Early turbines were noisy, but due to years of technological improvements turbines are much quieter today.

A nationwide study conducted in 2003 surveyed properties near multiple wind farms found that in some cases, the property value actually increased.

Wind energy is the most cost effective way to produce new energy.

The draft permit states that the project will be measuring wind from a permanent met tower. The developers do not plan to install a permanent met tower.

Thank you,
Anna Schmalzbauer

From: [Ulrich, Judith A](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS-
GREENVALE TOWNSHIP, MN 55057
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 1:34:52 PM
Attachments: [LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS-GREENVALE TWP.pdf](#)

Suzanne,

I am sending you the attached letter of concern on behalf of my husband, E. H. (Erv) Ulrich.

We are new residents in Greenvale Township. We bought our home because we enjoy rural living and our view of the Chub Creek valley. The proposed wind farms would alter our view and its natural beauty, which we believe creates a salability problem for our property.

My husband and I encourage you and the PUC to consider our concerns along with the concerns of other Greenvale Township residents. We like Greenvale Township living without the intrusion of a wind farm.

Judith A. Ulrich
Lockheed Martin Corporation
Maritime Systems and Sensors
P. O. Box 64525
St. Paul, MN. 55164-0525

From: [Apache](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinbauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Papke Sat Sep 26 14:35:41 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Saturday, September 26, 2009 2:35:28 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Jeff Papke

County: Hennepin County

City: Shorewood

Email: jpapke@q.com

Phone:

Impact: I have traveled through numerous wind farms in Minnesota including those in Benton Lake, Worthington, Chandler and others. I am impressed with the potential that wind energy holds but it is critical that the PUC understand the issues that wind farms bring to a community.

* They are loud. Even if the wind mill hardware is quiet, their impact is huge when they rotate through the wind with recorded "woosh" sound levels of 75db. That is like being in the Metrodome during a playoff game.

* The effect of light flicker is also well documented for anyone living within the shadow of a windmill. It can cause motion sickness and even seizures in people.

* They can be a safety hazard. Wind towers that have failed have caused damage for nearly a mile from their location.

* A wind farm has a negative impact on property values. While I like the idea of wind farms, I would not want one in my backyard. It would have a huge negative impact on my property valuation which means lower resale and tax valuations.

Wind farms have their place in locations that are rural or remote and away from homes and communities. They should always have a buffer range of 3-7 miles depending on the terrain. The Greenvale township is too densely populated for any such project. I do not see any reason that a wind form should be located

anywhere within the 7 county metro area.

Mitigation: Require that all wind farms have sufficient buffer space to shield residents from their impact and risk, 3-7 miles. Any residents in the buffer zone should be removed and relocated and compensated for their property.

Submission date: Sat Sep 26 14:35:41 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Papke Wed Sep 30 15:18:31 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 3:18:16 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Taylor Papke

County: Hennepin County

City: Excelsior

Email: taykat@q.com

Phone:

Impact: Please vote "no" to the Greenvale wind farm. I am in favor of the potential that wind energy holds but it is critical that the PUC understand the issues that wind farms bring to a community. Wind farms have their place in locations that are rural or remote and away from homes and communities.

1) They should always have a buffer range of 3-7 miles from private homes. The Greenvale township is too heavily populated for any such project. I do not see any reason that a wind farm should be located within the 7 county metro area.

2) Wind farms have a negative impact on property values. While I like the idea of wind farms, I would not want one in my backyard. It would have a huge negative impact on my property valuation which means lower resale and tax valuations.

3) Wind mills are loud. Even if the wind mill hardware is quiet, their noise impact is huge when they rotate through the wind. Recorded "woosh" sound levels average 75db.

Please vote NO for the Greenvale wind farm project.

Thank you, Taylor Papke

Mitigation: Locate all wind farms in rural areas where they can take advantage of higher elevations and more wind. These areas are typically not densely

populated.

Submission date: Wed Sep 30 15:18:31 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Peterson Wed Oct 7 14:11:42 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 2:11:13 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Ellen Peterson

County: Dakota County

City: Farmington

Email: peterson.ellen@att.net

Phone: 952-933-9793

Impact: I would just like to say that I don't think it's appropriate to have big giant windmills so close to people's homes. I know our township (Eureka) is considered agricultural, but there are many families who live here and do not appreciate having to deal with everything involved in wind turbines (loss of farmland, unsightly towers spoiling our peaceful views, potential noise pollution, potentially reduced property values). I am concerned that the people involved are just doing this to make money and not to help with energy solutions. I don't know why else you would consider putting these wind turbines so close to the Twin Cities metro area. Thank you for your consideration.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Wed Oct 7 14:11:42 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick

andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Beth Pollack

County: Dakota County

City: Rosemount

Email:

Phone:

Impact: I am strongly opposed to the wind farms being built in the Greenvale Township for many reasons.

Besides between a terrible eye sore in the beautiful land of Minnesota, wind turbines can cause adverse health effects to the people that live near them. Also, it will destroy wildlife, such as birds and bats. They are loud. They are unsafe. They will cause you to have shadow flicker in your home- something that I think would eventually drive me insane.

Mostly, we, the residents, are the ones that are going to have to look at them. I am absolutely outraged and against the construction of these wind farms. They do not belong in the seven county metro area. This is the first step to them trying to build these in other communities in the metro area. They should be kept in extremely rural, non-residential areas. NO WIND FARMS!!

Mitigation: I feel that Minnesota state laws regarding turbine distance setbacks are too lenient. I believe the minimum setback distance should be at least 1.25 miles from any adjacent property within the vicinity of an industrial wind turbine. This project does not take this into consideration and I believe this will have catastrophic results if the turbines are placed where they are proposed.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Submission date: Thu Oct 1 01:10:09 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Pollack Sun Oct 4 17:22:20 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2009 5:22:45 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Glenn Pollack

County: Dakota County

City: Rosemount

Email: LDSWPOLLACK@AOL.COM

Phone: 952 953-4215

Impact: This is addressed to whoever's brain storm came up with this idea. I personally know a number of folks and families that chose to relocate to this area to get away from the hustle, bustle and noise of city living. To bring up their kids in a clean environment, with clean air, fresh veggies, and a life style city people only can dream about. Have you ever sat in one of their yards on a beautiful summer evening? I have. I am not against wind farms but I sure don't think the people that decided on this area ever thought about the impact that this wind farm will have on the folks in the immediate area. I sure wouldn't want to look out my windows and in the middle of a beautifully cultivated field of corn or beans is a pole with a box and a propellor on it going woosh-woosh-woosh 24/7. Don't tell me that this isn't true because 2 weeks ago I was driving up through Iowa on I-35 and my interest got the best of me. Those things are HUGE!!! And from where I pulled off I could clearly hear them. I for one would hate to have friends or family over for a gathering and in the back ground hear the constant woosh-woosh-woosh. How about a nice evening, you have your windows open [FRESH AIR] only to hear the woosh-woosh-woosh. These folks are not paying taxes to hear that. They chose to live there for a specific reason. Another thing is that I understand that these people will not benefit from this from their electric supplier. This is a loose loose situation. Please support the families this will affect. Say NO!!!

Mitigation:

Submission date: Sun Oct 4 17:22:20 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us



Public Comment Sheet



Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Name: James T. Palette Reisinger 7150 292nd ST
Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed
Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the NAD, MN
office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, 55057
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.

I have gone to several meetings on the wind farm in greenville township. The information always seem to change & was uninformative. At the meetings held by project manager Suzanne Steinhauer I was hoping to finally get some answers, this was not to happen. Once again maps had changed. Suzanne seem to use canned answer or stated this regulation or that. I really don't think she was prepared to run into a very negative township.

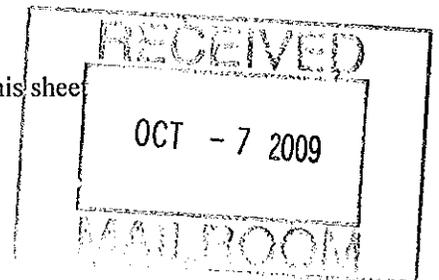
I have seen wind farms in Iowa & Western Minn, you look across vast open areas & see wind turbines for what seems like miles but what you don't see is a lot of houses.

Greenville township is rural, & county metro township. Its governed by a 1 house/40 acre regulation. A lot of these available building permits are used. I hope you look at a map & see the houses & the people this project will affect.

There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet

Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009



Its interesting to note some Facts about the land the wind turbines are going to be placed on.

The land owned by Daryl A. Kuyper & Judith M. Kuyper Family trust totals 246.77 Acres. The remains of a 288 Acre Farm. 6 Building permits available all sold with houses on them.

The land own by Janet Olinger totaled 84.72 Acres the remains of 120 Acres. 2 of 3 building permits are used.

The land own by Theodore L & Diane E Fredrickson totals 67.01 Acres the remains of 80 Acres Both building permits used.

That puts the wind turbines on 398.5 Acres of the land may not 840 Acres as permit states

I would like you to also note & check but all of these land owners don't even live in Greenville township. They don't care about their neighbors because their not our neighbors.

I could ramble on about noise, emissions, setbacks, health issues and so and so but what is rumor & what is fact I don't know. Suzanne Steinhilber didn't give me many answers or set me at ease.

This project was poorly planned & push thru. I hope this Commission looks at it very closely & if it doesn't Reject it completely at least call for more study & that the community of Greenville township be given some straight answers.

Thank you





Public Comment Sheet



**Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC**

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

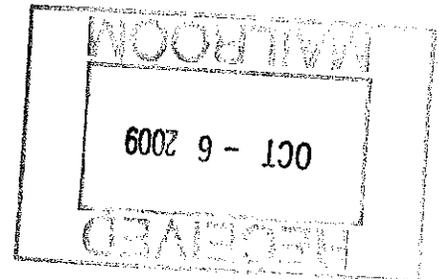
Name: Tony and Shelley Rowan

Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.

We strongly oppose this windmill project.
It will have an impact on a person's health.
The property values will go down.
It will disrupt wildlife.
We would like to preserve Greenvale Township!

There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet



**Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009**



Public Comment Sheet



Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Name: Cher Sandberg

Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.

To Dangerous to have these wind farms this close to all these houses. To many lives could be at risk. Let alone ^(pets) animals and wild life. Please dont let these wind farms go up -



There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet

Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009

From: [Apache](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Sherman Thu Oct 1 18:56:01 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:55:45 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Michael Sherman

County: Hennepin County

City: Bloomington

Email: misherman@earthlink.net

Phone: 612-750-1066

Impact: This should be given more thought and postpone any decisions for at least one more year. My concern is that this is too close to an urban enviroment. Whether wind farms are a good idea, is not at question here. One could argue about that forever. Why put something like this up in an urban enviroment? There are better choices than the Twin Cities and surrounding suburbs back door step. This will be an eyesore, drag down property values, and a whole host of proven enviroment hazards. This just doesn't pass the smell test.

I live in Bloomington and could only imagine the horror of having something like that built next to me. Would any of you want this near you? Somethings are a bad idea from the start. It grows so big, it can't be stopped. I sense this is one of those bad ideas.

Mitigation: Too close to the Twin Cities. Has anyone considered further suburban sprawl?

Submission date: Thu Oct 1 18:56:01 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick

andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

To whom it may concern:

We are writing in support of the Greenvale Windmill Project. We have recently attended the township meetings and have heard some concerns from other local residents. As former farmers and residents of the area, we would like to comment and address some of their specific concerns.

When approached with the idea of putting wind generators on our land, we had our own concerns. We have become more educated, and feel that this project will not endanger or interfere with others' abilities to develop their properties and farm their land. We have deep ties to this land and also feel strongly, as other local residents do, about not heavily developing this area. One of our largest concerns was what our parents and grandparents, who farmed the land, would feel about the project and how they would respond. We came to the conclusion that they would be receptive to the idea of wind farming, enhancing their own personal and professional progress through a new kind of farming.

Quite honestly, we feel this is an issue regarding the rights of individual landowners to develop their property. We have some specific comments to make about some individual's concerns from the Greenvale Township meeting of September 22, 2009, in which PUC representative Suzanne Steinhauer attended and recorded the meeting.

One individual could not believe this was happening in her "heavily populated area." Greenvale Township currently allows a maximum of one home per 40 acres of land. This absolutely is not a densely populated area, and more than one resident voiced concerns about wanting to keep it that way, saying they "are here for the land, to stay farming," or they were "fifth generation farmers who want to keep this place rural." We agree, as we currently rent our land to local farmers and our family farmed it in the past. We feel this wind project is the best chance we have for farmland survival.

According to a recent Northfield News article, "Road Adjustment Could Upset Berry Farm" by Shane Kitzman (May 23, 2008), David Lorence of Lorence's Berry Farm received a letter from the Dakota County Transportation Department referring to "a proposed project that would straighten out the awkward "T" intersection that 280th Street West puts between the end of Cedar Avenue and Foliage Avenue, making the entrance to Northfield from the northwest smoother and, presumably, facilitating development northwest of the city." It is apparent that this farmland between increasingly expanding Lakeville and Northfield will not remain undeveloped forever. It is also growing commercially, as is evident by the local businesses in the area. There is a cabinet builder, waste handling facility, excavating facility, berry farm, and trucking company all within about a one mile radius of our land. Greenvale Township will soon face the challenges of keeping up with incoming development unless we find a way to keep this farmland. This proposed windmill project would enable this land to remain agriculturally zoned for at least the next 30 years, essentially solving this problem and creating many happy residents who have built here to be amongst the vast farmland.

Finally, besides the obvious “green” benefits, the community benefits from this project. Sparks Energy and Medin Renewable Energy must pay taxes to the county based on the amount of energy produced by the windmills. 80% goes to Dakota County, 14% to Greenvale Township, and 6% to Northfield public schools. Over the next 30 years, all of these recipients could certainly put this financial benefit to good use.

Thank you for your consideration,

Janet Fredrickson Olinger
Leo & Joy Kempenich
Chet Olinger
Jon & Lee Ann Singleton
Landowners and Lessors for the Greenvale Township Wind Generator Project

From: [Apache](#)
To: Suzanne.Steinhauer@state.mn.us;
Subject: Sisler Thu Oct 1 10:55:24 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2009 10:55:08 AM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Albert Sisler

County:

City: Bloomington

Email: sisle001@usfamily.net

Phone: 952-884-8920

Impact: Wind farms are unsightly, noisy, harmful to ecology, uneconomic, and paid for mostly by the government, which means taxes, which means me. We have plenty of energy. Plenty of oil, plenty of coal, potentially plenty of nuclear power available.

Wind farms destroy property values in their neighborhoods.

Wind farms are detrimental to our national economy, which is already suffering.

Mitigation: How can the problem of wind farms be mitigated? Open restraints on more practical and economic sources of energy that the US already has in abundance.

Submission date: Thu Oct 1 10:55:24 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick

andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: William Speake

County: Hennepin County

City: Minneaolis

Email: billspeake@gmail.com

Phone: 6129784568

Impact: I AM OPPOSED TO THE GREENVALE WIND FARM PROJECT, AT THIS TIME, BASED UPON:

ITS' APPARENT EXPEDITED PROCESS, WITH NO EXACT SPECIFICATIONS AS TO SIZE OR LOCATION OF THESE WIND DEVICES. AFFECTED RESIDENTS HAVE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AS TO HOW THIS WILL AFFECT THEM AS TO:

1. SAFETY POTENTIAL DANGER OF WINDMILL DEBRIS SCATTERED DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE OR EXTREME WEATHER
2. HEALTH RISKS DUE TO NOISE, SHADOWING AND ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION
3. EFFECT ON PROPERTY VALUES

Mitigation: I FEEL THIS TYPE OF PROJECT SHOULD BE IN AREAS SUBSTANTIALLY FAR AWAY FROM PLACES WHERE PEOPLE LIVE IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE

Submission date: Wed Oct 7 10:51:26 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us



Public Comment Sheet



**Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC**

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Name: _____

Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?id=24613>.

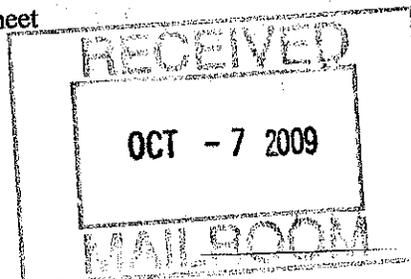
Among other objections to the Greenvale Wind Farm you may hear, my main one is that Greenvale Township is too densely populated for a wind farm. My experience when traveling in northwestern Iowa, is that the wind farms I see there are in isolated farm areas, miles from the town which utilizes the electricity these windmills produce. Within a mile circle of our home there are two dairy farms, one business, and at least fourteen homes. Enlarging the circle to $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 miles, the number would certainly double or more. To me, this population makes the problems a wind farm would bring denies this project as feasible. Second, I attended the Greenvale Township meeting in September to hear that the majority, in my opinion were against this project. My perception of the conduct of the meeting was not favorable towards the two women conducting the meeting. I am 79 and in my life and career have been to many and varied meetings. At this meeting, I sensed we were not receiving straight answers. I heard too many "I cannot answer that" or "I don't know." what I deemed evasiveness was palpable to me.

There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet

Teresa Stead
10001 305th St. W.
resident-Greenvale
Township

**Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009**



Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Robert Steinbrueck

County: Carver County

City: Waconia

Email: bob-dawn@mchsi.com

Phone: 952-442-1894

Impact: I am very much for wind power development. However, this development cannot come at the expense of compromised living standards for those directly impacted by the operation of the wind turbines.

I currently live on the outskirts of a small rural community close to Minneapolis, like Greenvale. The effects of low frequency noise generated from large wind turbines is well understood and documented. This alone should be the single greatest criterion when considering where to install these wind turbines. It is my understanding that the Greenvale proposal places several wind turbines very close to several property owners that have been there for decades. I do not want to be in the same situation, and suffer from unnecessary short term developments like this proposed one.

There are hundreds of open acres in Western Minnesota. Thousands of open acres in the Dakotas. There are probably hundreds of thousands of acres of open land in Utah, Nevada, and Arizona where these large machines can operate 24/7 without anyone caring about their operation, for miles. Electrical lines transport power with relatively little loss. Having the wind turbines in Western Minnesota, at least 5 miles from a residence, is completely possible.

The tremendous loss in local property values is a real concern. I would not want to suffer from this sort of devaluation of my property. Counting on the appreciation of property value as one's retirement nest egg is common. The sudden presence of having these large machines next to my neighborhood, similar to residents throughout the Greenvale area, would be devastating to me personally.

Please do not allow this wind farm to be so close to existing homes. Be brave and do the right thing, and have responsible development of green sources of energy and do not mar them in discontent.

Robert Steinbrueck

Mitigation:

Submission date: Mon Oct 5 21:03:49 2009

Greenvale Wind Farm

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Submitted by: Barbara Swenson

Population and Setbacks

This project of 836.69 acres is in the **seven county metro area** with many acres of woods and wetlands. There are 31 home/landowners in is project: 10 = non-residents and **21** = home/resident owners with approximately 54 people of all ages.

We are not like some wind farm projects that only have 4 residents within 1,100 ft to ½ mile from a proposed turbine(West Stevens Wind) and six homes within the project area and the immediate vicinity(Grant County). This is not a low density area; setbacks need to be a minimum setback of ½ mile from property lines whether that landowner is participating or non-participating landowner plus the required turbine rotor diameter setbacks.

Wildlife Management Area

To the north of this project area there is a State Wildlife Management Area. There should be a set back of 1,000 ft (as stated in the DNR letter dated 08-14-09) along with the five rotor diameters on the prevailing wind and the 3 in the non-prevailing wind.

Safety: Northern Natural Gas Pipeline

(this is not mentioned in the application)

Natural Gas pipeline P95 runs NE through section 10 and 3. The pipeline company does have easements for their right-of-way with widths from 25 – 120 feet. This is a safety issue that needs to be addressed.

Recreational Resources

The applicant stated in the application “There are no snowmobile or bike trails in the area of the project”. Snowmobile trail #124 does go through this project area, www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling/maps.html This trail runs northerly through section 9 and 3.

Air Traffic

The Northfield City Hospital is located approximately 4 miles south of this project. Life Link helicopter and Air Care helicopters do fly into the hospital over is project.

We do know that Gov. Tim Pawlenty wants a quarter of the states energy to come from renewable sources by 2025; Wind Farms need to be in the appropriate areas. The PUC has over 20 wind farms being review right now. Whereas in the past there would be two or three at a time. I believe that the time table on this/all projects need have more of a detailed review either before the application is accepted or the draft site is permitted, or even the comment period of time.

On Sept. 22nd there was the Public Hearing for the Greenvale Wind Farm, which I attended along with approximately 80 others. The documents that we received that night did have errors on them.

- 1) The comment sheet had reference to the Greenvale Wind Farm, but also the “proposed Morgan Wind project”.
- 2) The 6 page hand out from the PUC, had reference to #19344 (Bemidji project) on both pages 5 and 6. Does this show that the PUC needs to slow down and have all of their documents correct also?

With the Greenvale Wind Farm, a document dated 08-04-09 was filed with the PUC regarding the mailing of a cover letter, notice and application to a list of landowners and others. In this mailing list 6 landowners were not

listed. When I found this information and e-mailed Suzanne (because my husband and I were one of them), she asked the applicant and received a response back “they were inadvertently missed in the original mailing”. A new document was filed for 3 landowners on 09-15-09 that they were being mailed their information at this time. This additional mailing was 7 – 12 days before the Public Hearing.

WIND RIGHTS

We have not given any easement for wind rights for our property, Parcel ID #16-01000-020-26 and ID#16-00900-010-01 that are located in the project area.

Donald and Barbara Swenson
10-05-09

Greenvale Wind Farm
MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Submitted by: Donald Swenson

My self-employed farming business has a home base Two Way radio with 9 mobile units since 1983 that I have licensed with the FCC. My concern is with the wind turbine interfering with the frequency.

The proposed wind turbines are to be placed on property of landowners that do not live in or near the project area.

I have read that wind turbines that are already constructed are not operating because there is not enough room for them to be hooked up. I understand that Dakota Electric is not able to hand all of these 11 wind turbines in their grid.

The strobe lights on these 11 wind turbines will change the skyline of this project area in the seven county metro area.

There is an active snowmobile trail going through this project area.

Life Link helicopter's fly directly over the homes in this project area to the Northfield City Hospital.

“A proposed expansion of the Ashtabula Wind Energy north of Valley, N.D. has generated complaints from nearby residents who are concerned about noise and possible health effects. North Dakota law requires that turbines be at least a quarter-mile from the nearest occupied dwelling, but some say setbacks should be at least one-half mile.”

I have two building lots in Section 10 that currently have a value of 1.1 million which includes the work done with roads, culverts and a Duck Pond to make these lots attractable to buyers. These wind turbines will have an effect on the property value.



Public Comment Sheet



Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Name: Mary Helen Lynessow - Stillwater, Mn.
Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.

Why would you ever allow such a beautiful area to be destroyed by a wind farm. The 7 County metro area which is highly populated is no place for a wind farm. This area is not known to be a good producer like the southern part of the state. These are private individuals just looking to make a buck at the expense of a wonderful community.

There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet

Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Tennessen Sun Oct 4 20:15:08 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2009 8:15:33 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Charles Tennessen

County: Dakota County

City: Northfield

Email: cjtmlt@msn.com

Phone: 507-663-0262

Impact: I feel that this project is being forced upon the people of Greenvale and surrounding townships without proper notification, proper funding, proper representation of the facts, and the problems that could happen with this project. I ask that you do not let this project go forward. Thank you, Charles Tennessen

Mitigation:

Submission date: Sun Oct 4 20:15:08 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Mary Tennessen

County: Dakota County

City: Northfield

Email: cjtmlt@msn.com

Phone: 507-663-0262

Impact: My major concern with this proposed wind farm is with the lack of community notification and honest dialog regarding the turbines. When we initially heard about this it was for one turbine on a farm, now it is for up to eleven. This changes the dynamics of what was originally presented.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Sun Oct 4 20:20:51 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Lizanne Terrio

County: Dakota County

City: Burnsville

Email: terrio@comcast.net

Phone: 612-875-1328

Impact: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to express my family's opposition to the Wind Farm project that is slated for the Greenvale Township. The research that we've done into Wind Farms has convinced us there are many adverse affects to the people that have their homes and families near these Wind Farms.

There must be ample areas in the state of Minnesota where this Wind Farm could be built that does not negatively impact any homeowners.

The individuals living in the Greenvale Township are hardworking tax payers that should not have to worry about the adverse affects (such as health concerns, noise/light intrusions and decreased property values)of a Wind Farm near their property.

We are extremely hopeful these comments and my family's concerns about this Wind Farm project do not fall on deaf ears and the Greenvale Township does not have a Wind Farm in their future.

Sincerely,
Lizanne Terrio

Mitigation:

Submission date: Wed Sep 30 16:04:24 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Tetreault Tue Oct 6 14:05:53 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 2:05:26 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Noel Tetreault

County: Dakota County

City: Northfield

Email: tetreaults@northfieldwifi.com

Phone: 952-469-1533

Impact: Reference Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722:

Dear Ms. Steinhauer;

I am writing to express my strong desire that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission does NOT permit a large scale wind farm to be constructed in southern Dakota County. First and foremost, these types of large scale wind farm projects should not be allowed to be developed in the 7 county metro area. Population density alone is reason enough. I understand that it is hard to argue on one hand that the wind farm would potentially harm wildlife, bird migrations, wetlands, etc, while at the same time arguing that the project is too close to populated areas, so I won't do that. Put simply, this proposal is located in a ring of suburbs of the 16th most populous metropolitan area in the country. I cannot believe it is even being considered.

I would also like to correct some erroneous information contained in the Public comments portion of the permit application, written by your staff to MR. Harr. (#20098-40866-01) Contained in the comments section are approximations of the distances from the proposed project to the two closest airports. Airlake airport in Lakeville is located only 5.8 miles north of the project, as opposed to the 'approximately 10 miles north' as stated in the memo. And the Sky Harbor

Airpark, just west of I-35, is only 4.9 miles west of the proposed project, not the 'approximately 13 miles west' as stated by your OES EFP staff.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Noel Henry Tetreault

Mitigation:

Submission date: Tue Oct 6 14:05:53 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Keith Trautman

County: Dakota County

City: Apple Valley

Email: keithtrautman@gmail.com

Phone:

Impact: PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFTEY OF THE FAMILIES... WATCH THE VIDEOS ON THE WEB SITE WWW.APLACETOHELP.COM AND STOP THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THESE WIND MACHINES SO CLOSE TO THE HOMES IN GREENVALE TWP.

DO THE RIGHT THING, WHAT IF IT WAS YOUR HOME???

PUT THE WIND TURBINES IN THE FIELDS OUT ON FARM LAND WHERE THEY BELONG!

Mitigation:

Submission date: Thu Oct 1 13:23:04 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Ulrich, Judith A](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS-
GREENVALE TOWNSHIP, MN 55057
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 1:34:52 PM
Attachments: [LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS-GREENVALE TWP.pdf](#)

Suzanne,

I am sending you the attached letter of concern on behalf of my husband, E. H. (Erv) Ulrich.

We are new residents in Greenvale Township. We bought our home because we enjoy rural living and our view of the Chub Creek valley. The proposed wind farms would alter our view and its natural beauty, which we believe creates a salability problem for our property.

My husband and I encourage you and the PUC to consider our concerns along with the concerns of other Greenvale Township residents. We like Greenvale Township living without the intrusion of a wind farm.

Judith A. Ulrich
Lockheed Martin Corporation
Maritime Systems and Sensors
P. O. Box 64525
St. Paul, MN. 55164-0525

October 6, 2009

Minnesota Department of Commerce
Office of Energy Security
Project Manager: Suzanne Steinhauer
651-296-2888
Suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us

Subject: Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems-Greevale Township

Dear Ms. Steinhauer,

While Greevale Township is basically a rural area, it is in the seven-county metro area and is not just an agricultural community. Many residents have no connection to agriculture other than living close to farms (and of course consuming farm products). Others have a regular job or business to support their love of the farm life.

There are many homes within sight and "shadow flicker" of the proposed wind farm, but they are not the only ones that may be affected.

Proponents of this "Large Wind Energy Conversion System" may say that many objections or reservations about wind farms are anecdotal and not verified by scientifically done analysis.

The PUC should consider the State's responsibility to do more than just waiting for scientific proof of harm, but require and demand scientific proof of safety (at least for humans) before allowing construction in a community with a relatively dense population of humans, wildlife and livestock.

This proposed wind farm would be particularly poor public policy, because there are areas nearby that have more wind power available and much less population to be affected. Areas that yield more power with less adverse impacts should be higher priorities for wind farm construction.

Sincerely,

E. H. Ulrich
28255 Holyoke Court
Greevale Township, MN 55057
952-469-8480

October 6, 2009

Minnesota Department of Commerce
Office of Energy Security
Project Manager: Suzanne Steinhauer
651-296-2888
Suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us

Subject: Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems-Greevale Township

Dear Ms. Steinhauer,

While Greevale Township is basically a rural area, it is in the seven-county metro area and is not just an agricultural community. Many residents have no connection to agriculture other than living close to farms (and of course consuming farm products). Others have a regular job or business to support their love of the farm life.

There are many homes within sight and "shadow flicker" of the proposed wind farm, but they are not the only ones that may be affected.

Proponents of this "Large Wind Energy Conversion System" may say that many objections or reservations about wind farms are anecdotal and not verified by scientifically done analysis.

The PUC should consider the State's responsibility to do more than just waiting for scientific proof of harm, but require and demand scientific proof of safety (at least for humans) before allowing construction in a community with a relatively dense population of humans, wildlife and livestock.

This proposed wind farm would be particularly poor public policy, because there are areas nearby that have more wind power available and much less population to be affected. Areas that yield more power with less adverse impacts should be higher priorities for wind farm construction.

Sincerely,

E. H. Ulrich
28255 Holyoke Court
Greevale Township, MN 55057
952-469-8480

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: vagnone Tue Oct 6 08:53:24 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 8:52:57 AM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: gerry vagnone

County: Hennepin County

City: richfield

Email: gerryvagnone@yahoo.com

Phone: 612-701-4453

Impact: I am against windmills in area's that have a negative effect on any one's housing value, noise or quality of life. There is enough open space away from private residences that they can be located.

Locate them away from private housing.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Tue Oct 6 08:53:24 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us



Public Comment Sheet



**Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC**

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Name:

Colleen R. Went

Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.

*I Am opposed to the project,
to many reason why we do not need
the wind farm*

There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet

**Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009**



Public Comment Sheet



Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Name: Brett Volkmeier

Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.

I live close to where they are planning to put these up. I have kids that play outside ~~to be~~ ~~are~~ they shouldn't have to listen to the noise or be around harmful pollution. These wind generators do not belong this close to all these houses! What if my kids are playing outside in the winter and ice builds up on one of the fins and hits them or my house then what?

NO WIND FARM!!!!

There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet

Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009



Public Comment Sheet



**Greenvale Wind Farm
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Submitted by Sparks Energy, LLC, & Medin Renewable Energy, LLC**

MPUC Docket Number IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Name: _____

[Handwritten signature]
Please share your comments on the Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit for the proposed Greenvale Wind Farm. Copies of the Application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the office of the Dakota County Auditor and at the PUC website, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.

Opposed *no*

There are four options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us
- 3) submit your comments electronically at, <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613>.
- 4) Fold, tape, and mail this form to the address on the reverse side of this sheet

**Comments must be received by
October 7, 2009**

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Megan Wenker

County: Wabasha County

City: Lake City

Email: mwenker@ci.lake-city.mn.us

Phone:

Impact: I read on wcco.com about the proposal to construct up to 11 turbines in Dakota Co. and fully support this plan. Not only is southeast Minnesota an untapped resource for wind energy, but as citizens of this region, we need to start supporting sustainable energy production and distribution in close proximity to where the energy is being consumed. Having witnessed controversy over the nearby Prairie Island Nuclear Energy facility, and even Lake City's plans to build a new industrial sub-station to distribute Xcel Energy's new 69 kv line, I understand the difficult decisions local communities are being faced with, and encourage more citizens and community leaders to be open minded about taking responsibility for the energy they consume, as well as the energy needed to run our economy.

Megan Wenker

Mitigation:

Submission date: Wed Oct 7 09:27:17 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Roger Wilson

County: Hennepin County

City: Bloomington

Email: rmwilson1979@comcast.net

Phone: 952-835-0301

Impact: Regarding the building of Wind Turbines: It seems hard to believe that the State of Minnesota would allow a company to build wind turbines 1000 feet from an existing home. I hope that the State will consider the health risks of the noise, and flicker effects on the people who will live in the shadow of these huge turbines.

The economic impact on the homeowners near this wind farm would be devastating. It would be almost impossible to sell a home in the shadow of a wind turbine, and property values will drop significantly.

I can't think of a single person who would want to have a wind turbine 1000 feet from their home. The State authorities who are considering this proposal should consider this: "Would I want a huge wind turbine built 1000 feet from my own home?" Of course they would not - so why force these people to do it?

Wind turbines should not be built near existing homes - - it's that simple. The 1000 foot limit is much too small, and will cause severe hardship on the residents near this proposed wind farm.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Sun Oct 4 21:27:52 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

Steinhauer, Suzanne (COMM)

From: Apache [apache@lmic.state.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 8:55 AM
To: Suzanne Steinhauer (COMM)
Subject: Wirtzfeld Mon Oct 5 08:55:06 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Beverly Wirtzfeld Wirtzfeld

County: Dakota County

City: Northfield

Email: tbwirtzo@northfieldwifi.com

Phone: 507-645-9050

Impact: We were just made aware of a potential wind farm to be constructed in Greenvale Township, a small township just south of the metro area. The livelihood of many of these neighbors is milking cows and raising livestock. These wind turbines will be very close to small children playing outside in their yards and farm animals that can potentially be affected by the ill health affects that have occurred at other wind farm sites located too close to populated areas. We believe in wind energy but please do not allow wind turbines to be installed where they will have such a negative impact health wise to our children and livestock. The Companies wishing to put these up have asked people who own land here but do not live here. Neither the company nor the individuals renting their land to them will be around to deal with side effects from this installment. Please do not make us the guinea pigs.

Mitigation: These wind farms need to be located in very very sparsely populated areas, this township is not one of them. Thank you for hearing us out!

Submission date: Mon Oct 5 08:55:06 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

Steinhauer, Suzanne (COMM)

From: Apache [apache@lmic.state.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 8:39 AM
To: Suzanne Steinhauer (COMM)
Subject: Wirtzfeld Mon Oct 5 08:38:45 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Thomas Wirtzfeld

County: Dakota County

City: Northfield

Email:

Phone: 507-210-4795

Impact: I am very very concerned about the potential for accidents that could occur at the intersection of a couple of fairly busy roads near where the wind turbines are going to be potentially placed in Greenvale Township in Dakota County. As a retired military pilot I am well aware of the adverse effects of flicker vertigo. The flicker effect particularly at sunrise and sunset will be immense. I am all for wind energy but not where people and drivers are so close to the effects. Please do not allow these wind turbines to be installed in our township to the detriment of the people living here and driving to work every day. Thank you!

Mitigation: I think wind turbines need to be constructed in areas where they are not affecting the lives of people negatively every day that they are operating. In other words in isolated areas.

Submission date: Mon Oct 5 08:38:45 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Gene Zehnder

County:

City: Savage

Email:

Phone:

Impact: I am concerned about the impact the wind farm would have on people living nearby. It is my understanding that the wind farms produce a constant low frequency noise which can be annoying and may affect peoples health. I would recommend a minimum setback from any housing of at least a mile and or not building it at all.

I am also concerned about the affect on birds and other animals in the area. I understand that considerable numbers of birds (all kinds), including hawks and eagles are killed by the rotating blades. What about other wildlife (ie-four footed animals) in the area. How are they affected? I hear that the wildlife tends to abandon the areas.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Wed Sep 30 21:48:21 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

This public comment has been sent via the form at:
www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Gary Zehnder

County: Dakota County

City: Burnsville

Email: glzehnder@comcast.net

Phone:

Impact: I am hardly an expert on wind turbine issues, but I have heard some negatives from people in other states as to the impact on residents in the area. In particular, it sounds as if the turbines at issue are going to be placed very close to occupied residences. What are the standards for MN and are they similar to other notable wind turbine states such as California.

As a nation we need to develop more "green" energy, but lets make sure we take the time to do it right. Too often we seek worthy objectives and end up with unintended consequences.

Thank you.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Wed Sep 30 16:40:51 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Zehnder Sun Oct 4 17:02:26 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2009 5:02:01 PM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Todd Zehnder

County: Rice County

City: Northfield

Email: ivan55057@yahoo.com

Phone: 507-663-0180

Impact: I certainly understand that homeowners do not want industrial sites in their backyards. But I also know they need to go somewhere. It seems as though there could be a better location for this proposed windmill farm so less economic damage is done to area landowners. Over the last two years, wind turbines have been constructed by St. Olaf & Carleton Colleges in Northfield. A single wind turbine is a bit of a novelty at first but I certainly wouldn't want multiple units outside my window.

Mitigation: Are alternate sites for this windfarm being considered or is this the only option. If the later, then there should be fair and adequate compensation to the land & home owners being effected.

Submission date: Sun Oct 4 17:02:26 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick

andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: [Apache](#)
To: [Suzanne Steinhauer \(COMM\)](#);
Subject: Zumbusch Wed Oct 7 07:56:50 2009 IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 7:56:22 AM

This public comment has been sent via the form at: www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Greenvale Wind Farm

Docket number: IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722

User Name: Paul Zumbusch

County: Dakota County

City: Randolph

Email: pzumbusch@castlerockmaterials

Phone: 507-664-9200

Impact: Clean renewable energy is the best choice for our electricity needs. Wind Turbines are clean, efficient and not polluting. I hope you consider this energy proposal and make your decision based on the overall benefits, not on the comments of one or two neighbors.

Thank you,
Paul V. Zumbusch

Mitigation:

Submission date: Wed Oct 7 07:56:50 2009

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us