

PUBLIC HEARING

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Public hearing held at the Allegany Senior Citizens Center, 3790 Birch Run Road, Allegany, New York, on April 21, 2010, commencing at 7:15 p.m., before JOLENE LAMPHIER, Notary Public.

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1 PRESENT: HODGSON RUSS LLP,
2 By DANIEL A. SPITZER, ESQ.,
3 The Guaranty Building,
4 140 Pearl Street, Suite 100,
5 Buffalo, New York 14202,
6 Special Counsel.
7 BOARD MEMBERS: ROBERT J. PHILLIPS
8 FRANK DeFIORE
9 RICK KAVANAGH
10 HELEN LARSON
11 SHEREE KELLOGG
12 JOYCE KEBLER

13 MR. SPITZER: We're about halfway home. Up
14 until this time it has been EverPower that's been
15 doing the talking and we've been doing the
16 listening and now that turns around.

17 From here on forward the community speaks,
18 the public agencies speak, the state and the local
19 agencies, CRA speaks, your board speaks.

20 EverPower gives us their version of the
21 answers, but the next step is for the town board
22 and the planning board, particularly the planning
23 board in terms of the seeker process, to answer
24 your questions, make determinations about impacts
25 and produce a statement of findings on a decision.
26 This is the oral part of the public comment period.

27 As the chairman mentioned, you have until

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1 May 3rd to submit written comments. And what
2 happens then is that CRA takes the comments,

3 organizes them by topic.

4 EverPower is required to submit to us a
5 draft response in this summary, that's their
6 proposed answers to those questions.

7 CRA then takes that and comes up with what
8 it recommends to the planning board as the town's
9 responses to those questions. The town works with
10 the planning board with those questions.

11 It's up to the planning board to answer the
12 questions. It's up to the planning board to issue
13 the final environmental impact statement and a
14 statement of findings which says why they came up
15 with their decision one way or the other and their
16 actual decision.

17 If they decide to recommend approval of
18 project, if they authorize site planning, special
19 use permits for example, then it goes to the town
20 board for consideration of the zoning portion of
21 this project.

22 The town board has the same responsibilities
23 on the seeker as the planning board does. And

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1 while the town board doesn't conduct its own
2 investigation, it does come up with its own
3 statement of findings. And its not required to
4 come to the same decision.

5 So there are two approvals required from

6 this town to construct a project and from here on
7 out, it's your input and the town's answers.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Before we start on the list,
9 is there anyone here that has not signed into speak
10 that would still like to do so at this time?

11 Again, at the end I will ask it one more
12 time because people are still walking in.

13 Okay. With that we're going to use the list
14 and I'm going to give it to the secretary to read
15 the names. And then when you come up here to
16 speak, would you please take the microphone and use
17 it so everybody here can hear you clearly?

18 MS. KIBLER: Mr. Jim Colegrove.

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20 STATEMENT OF JIM COLEGROVE

21 4032 Mediterranean Drive, Allegany, NY 14706

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23 MR. COLEGROVE: Good evening. Can you hear

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1 me?

2 MR. DeFIORE: Your three minutes doesn't
3 start until after you state your name. Then the
4 three minutes starts.

5 MR. COLEGROVE: Really?

6 MR. DeFIORE: But I expect you to first
7 state your name.

8 MR. COLEGROVE: I've got the microphone.

9 And forget my name.

10 My name is Jim Colegrove. My wife Gail is
11 over there. We have lived in Allegany for 28
12 years. We grew up in Wellsville so we are from
13 this area.

14 I came to the meetings recently and I got to
15 meet a few people. One of them was Kathy Booth,
16 who I have yet to meet. I've talked to her, but
17 there is a website called
18 concernedcitizens.homestead, I believe it is, .com.
19 Very, very interesting. I went to there and got a
20 lot of information.

21 Then I went to the library and I didn't get
22 so much information so probably the website is your
23 best bet.

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1 There is a good book there called Wind
2 Power. It's got a lot of information. It's a
3 little pro-commercial and not so much residential,
4 but there is a lot of good information.

5 When I talked to Kathy, I said -- we talked
6 about -- we said a lot of people don't know what
7 noise is or when they hear at the meetings 50 dBs
8 or 50 dBA. What the heck is that? So that's what
9 I said I was going to do.

10 What I was actually going to do is tape

11 record a wind mill and then bring it in and play it
12 back at 50 dB, which I thought would be real
13 simple. Tape recorder doesn't work, blah, blah,
14 blah. Had a lot of problems so I'm going to have
15 to do it verbally.

16 The old expression if a tree falls in the
17 woods, does it make a sound. Philosophical people
18 say one thing. Practical people say another thing.
19 Yes, it does make a sound.

20 A sound is when vibration is made and then
21 it is heard when the vibration goes to some
22 mechanism like an ear or a tape recorder and then
23 that vibration is changed into electrical impulses

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1 or so on, or brain impulses, and that's what sound
2 is. It can be very quiet. It be can very noisy.
3 It can be high-pitched. It can be low-pitched.
4 Okay. A lot of variations.

5 A decibel is a measure of noise. Okay. A
6 dBA -- or dB, decibel. A dBA is an A scale on a
7 sound level meter. There's a couple of scales, but
8 the one A scale is especially for people. It takes
9 into effect things that people do that other things
10 do like machines and so on.

11 The A scale is what everybody uses and the
12 ranges of the A scale are from zero to 140, okay,

13 dBA decibels on the A scale.
14 Zero is where you just start to hear. You
15 can hear the difference of three decibels. You can
16 distinguish the difference. So you can't hear
17 anything at zero, but at three decibels you'd say
18 there's a noise, there's a sound.
19 140 dBA is threshold of pain. You can't
20 stand that.
21 MR. DeFIORE: Jim, your time's up.
22 MR. COLEGROVE: Okay.
23 MS. KIBLER: Erick Laine.

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2 STATEMENT OF ERICK LAINE
3 215 North 3rd Street, Olean, NY 14760
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5 MR. LAINE: Had I known the order of things,
6 I wouldn't have signed up right as soon as I came
7 in 45 minutes ago.
8 Good evening. My name is Erick Laine and
9 I've resided in Olean for over 30 years.
10 I've recently followed the story of the wind
11 turbine energy proposal in the Chipmonk area with
12 serious interest. I'm an engineer by training and
13 an environmentalist at heart. So use of wind power
14 to meet a community's power needs had a lot of
15 appeal to me and it still does.

16 But the more I've read and thought about it
17 recently, the less certain I have become about its
18 appropriateness here in Allegany.

19 I agree with supervisor Patrick Eaton's
20 comments as noted in Monday night's Olean Times
21 Herald in which he said wind energy is relatively
22 new and it's hard to see what problems there may be
23 10 years down the line because no one has had them

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1 that long. To me that makes sense and is serious
2 and reason enough to at least reassess the project
3 in Allegany.

4 But in my view there is even larger issues
5 and that is what are the other energy options that
6 are evolving and will mature over the next 10
7 years?

8 As these other options develop and mature,
9 and they will, the people who have today's wind
10 turbine technology standing in their yard will be
11 unable to make the shift and will be locked into
12 the huge, noisy and unsightly wind turbines as the
13 rest of the nation, very probably, is moving onto
14 new, possibly even cheaper and more convenient
15 energy technology.

16 Therefore, for those reasons I would be
17 personally opposed to this project and urge the

18 Town of Allegany to be extremely cautious in its
19 evaluation of it. Thank you.

20 MS. KIBLER: Phil Winger.

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22 STATEMENT OF PHILIP WINGER

23 5560 Nichols Run, Limestone, NY 14753

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2 MR. WINGER: Thank you. My name is Philip
3 Winger and I am commenting in my capacity as
4 associate vice president of facilities at St.
5 Bonaventure University.

6 I ask that the visual impact assessment be
7 expanded to include another visual simulation from
8 viewpoint 175 on the university campus directed up
9 the West Branch of Four Mile Creek.

10 while I understand that is it not intended
11 that the simulations be so comprehensive as to
12 capture every visual impact, I believe that this
13 particular impact needs special consideration for
14 three reasons.

15 First, the view from the university campus
16 has unusual community significance. Not only is
17 the impacted area used heavily everyday, mostly on
18 foot by about 3,000 students, faculty and staff,
19 but the campus is frequently visited by the wider
20 community for recreation, athletic and cultural

21 events.

22 The view to the southwest is an iconic
23 element to the campus and several buildings have

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1 been constructed to take advantage of this
2 particular landscape. Arguably, the visual impact
3 here is one of the most publically significant in
4 the entire region.

5 Second, the admission of viewpoint 175 is
6 compounded by including viewpoint 177 located in
7 the St. Bonaventure Cemetery as a visual
8 simulation. From the cemetery two or three wind
9 turbines are barely visible peeking up over the
10 nearby trees.

11 The public and perhaps the planning board
12 may be lead into assuming that the cemetery view is
13 representative of campus viewpoints. But from the
14 campus there is a direct view of the ridge line and
15 of several turbines from base to tip with partial
16 views of others.

17 Third, in fact I believe that this
18 misconception may have already taken place. When
19 the board met in November 2008 to select viewpoints
20 for simulation, they likely relied on the map,
21 which is included as figure 10 with the color
22 coding of viewpoint number 175 indicating balloons

23 not visible.

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1 while this is strictly true, the balloons in
2 question mark the ends of the road between the
3 turbines and the view from the campus is of the
4 center of the road.

5 I have included for reference in my written
6 material here a recent photograph of this viewpoint
7 oriented in the correct direction for the proposed
8 simulation.

9 The photograph included on the CD, which
10 accompanies the DEIS, is taken in the wrong
11 direction pointing at the nearby hill which block
12 the view of the nearest balloon.

13 This has been discussed with the developer
14 informally more than once over the past year, but I
15 believe that the importance has not been
16 understood.

17 I recognize that the view shed map, which is
18 included as figure eight, sheet two, by careful
19 study of the color coding indicates visibility of
20 eight to 14 turbines from the campus.

21 But I believe that the admission of an
22 appropriate visual simulation with other
23 simulations with less impact included tends to

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1 create a false impression of the significance of
2 this particular impact.

3 Complete consideration of the environmental
4 impact of the proposed project requires another
5 simulation. Thank you for your attention.

6 MS. KIBLER: Alan Henderson.

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8 STATEMENT OF ALAN HENDERSON
9 4981 Flatstone Road, NY 14706

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11 MR. HENDERSON: My name is Alan Henderson
12 and I live in Chipmonk, New York on Flatstone Road.

13 My question is to the planning board and the
14 town board. My main question is how are you going
15 to guarantee the residents that are effected by
16 these wind turbines, how are you going to guarantee
17 their property values, their health and safety and
18 also the noise issues that we have?

19 The DEIS that EverPower put out shows in
20 litigations how they're going to stop dust, how
21 they're going to reseed to keep from erosion. But
22 when it comes to sound and property values, they
23 conveniently pass us over with our studies show

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1 that there's no problems.

2 It's interesting to know the CCC, we had a
3 meeting a couple weeks ago and we had residents of
4 the Town of Cohocton who were here to tell us about
5 the problems that they had in and around the wind
6 turbines.

7 They were promised a lot of things and
8 nothing materialized. Their town has turned them
9 down and put them over to wind turbine companies to
10 try to settle their grievances.

11 It's interesting to note that I found the
12 company that did the wind study, the noise
13 analysis, for Cohocton is the same -- Hessler and
14 Associates, that EverPower has hired for the
15 Allegany products.

16 In 2007 a man by the name of RH Bolton did a
17 review in the evaluation of this noise study and
18 found that in his estimation it was flawed.

19 Now, we've been through this before about
20 other people finding fault with the way the sound
21 study was done.

22 My question is how can the town guarantee
23 it? There's nothing in the DEIS by EverPower

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1 guaranteeing what they say will not happen. I

2 believe there should be a guarantee.

3 If I go to sell my property and it's 40
4 percent less the value, I don't believe 30 years of
5 working two and three jobs should fall on my
6 shoulders and take a 40 percent hit.

7 We had a -- we sat here and listened to the
8 seeker study that the town board went through and
9 answered the questions as far as the litigation of
10 problems and whether they are low, medium or high.

11 Are there going to be solutions to that?
12 You realize that there are questions as far as
13 these problems. Are you going to have solutions to
14 the problems that you're going to give to the town
15 board when you make your report? Are you going to
16 have teeth in a document of some kind to EverPower
17 to guarantee that --

18 MR. DeFIORE: Okay, Alan, your time is up.

19 MS. KIBLER: Karen Mosman.

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21 STATEMENT OF KAREN MOSMAN
22 1064 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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1 MS. MOSMAN: Hi. I'm Karen Mosman and I
2 live in Chipmonk. The proposed wind turbine plan
3 will have turbines on both sides of my house if

4 this goes through.

5 I've lived in Allegany for 38 years moving
6 from California. And when I moved here, I'd never
7 seen anything so lush and green and natural as this
8 area.

9 Erecting turbines will deface and disrupt
10 nature. I'm sure like anything else now days
11 turbines will be obsolete and then we will be stuck
12 with giant, rusting metal forms that will forever
13 scar the hilltops of Allegany.

14 Just to make this point clear again for
15 anybody who is in here, too, there will be no free
16 electricity or any electricity from this project
17 that you will be using.

18 The money EverPower is offering the town,
19 the county and the schools and the pilot program
20 will not do anything but make it harder on the
21 taxpayer when the money dries up and we have to
22 make the difference, as is happening right now with
23 the school taxes because of the state aide cuts.

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1 The health risks from noise, vibration and
2 pollution that has been noticed by people dealing
3 with wind turbines will exist here no matter what
4 EverPower is promising.

5 Never did I think that the officials of
6 Allegany would sell our souls for money. You're

7 supposed to be protecting all citizens of Allegany,
8 not some of them. Please reconsider your thoughts
9 on wind turbines as a means to an end. Thank you.

10 MS. KIBLER: Patricia Miller.

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12 STATEMENT OF PATRICIA MILLER

13 560 Route 16 South

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15 MS. MILLER: Hi. I'm Patricia Miller and I
16 live in Rock City.

17 I'm opposed to the proposed wind farm in
18 Allegany for many reasons, but I'm only going to
19 concentrate on one tonight. There's been a lot of
20 discussion about the decibel levels generated by
21 the wind turbines, but I think by considering only
22 decibels you may be missing an important point.

23 I have tinnitus and I'm constantly subjected

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1 to this noise in my ears. It's not loud, but it's
2 always there. It's always at the edge of my
3 consciousness and sometimes I just wish I could do
4 anything to make it go away, but I am helpless to
5 make that happen.

6 The tension and anxiety caused by this have
7 been well-documented. I am afraid that the turbine
8 noise where be similar. Even if it isn't loud

9 decibel-wise, it still travels through walls and
10 there will be no escaping it.

11 You are powerless to make it quit. This
12 constant stress could cause -- this would cause can
13 not be good for health.

14 Unwelcome, unrelenting noise has been used
15 as a form of torture. Please don't allow our
16 friends and neighbors to be subjected to it.

17 MS. KIBLER: Kathy Premo.

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19 STATEMENT OF KATHY PREMO
20 1250 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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22 KATHY PREMO: Hello. My name is Kathleen
23 Premo and I live in Chipmonk.

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1 Earlier this week I awoke, it was nice and
2 relaxed. It was 3:00 in the morning. And what
3 happened was that I could hear cars on a railroad
4 and I could hear the constant movement of the
5 railroad cars and moments later I heard the whistle
6 of a locomotive.

7 And I wanted to share with you that the
8 closest railroad track is two miles from our house.
9 So certainly what came to mind as I was lying in
10 bed was that if this project goes through, and what
11 might happen, is that I'll be lying in bed in the

12 future, maybe too soon, listening to the sound of
13 the turbines because that's when it's going to be
14 most intense, at night.

15 And in terms of according to the latest
16 reports, these turbines will be much closer to my
17 house than the two miles that -- and over two miles
18 where the railroad is located.

19 And I believe that the problem with sound
20 will be horrific in our area given the topography
21 in the Chipmonk Valley.

22 And I understand the concern of the
23 landowners who are not residents of Chipmonk who

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1 are hoping to rake in money and having turbines on
2 their property and also some people who erroneously
3 think that they're going to have their taxes
4 lowered and it's going to come from our misfortune.

5 My brother and are I fourth generation
6 residents of Chipmonk. And we've raised our
7 children in Chipmonk and I ask you to consider the
8 justice and the rights of those people who are
9 living and who will be effected most directly and
10 adversely by this project.

11 And another thought in reading newspapers
12 and TV programs and what I'm seeing is that
13 unethical and illegal business practices are

14 occurring. And what we're hearing, highlights of
15 Goldman Sachs, Hewlett-Packard and even about the
16 Catholic Church and I attend meetings. And what
17 I've heard about the EverPower project through
18 their words is that, you know, it's just milk and
19 honey for us here in Allegany.

20 So what I'm asking you is that -- that you
21 concern yourselves and maybe be cautious in terms
22 of looking at what they're telling us in terms of
23 the praises and the glorious benefits of clean

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1 energy.

2 And here we are, we're paying federal taxes
3 that is going toward underwriting this project. So
4 I'm sceptical about the project certainly at the
5 very least and I ask you to be sceptical and be
6 concerned about what they're promising and what is
7 going to adversely effect us.

8 Many of us who are going to be effected are
9 here in this room if this project goes through
10 and --

11 MR. DeFIORE: Kathy, time's up.

12 MS. PREMO: Thank you.

13 MS. KIBLER: Peg Bothner.

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15 STATEMENT OF PEG BOTHNER

16 788 Main Street, Olean, NY 14760

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18 MS. BOTHNER: I'm a resident of Olean and
19 I've lived here for --

20 MR. SPITZER: Can say your name for the
21 record.

22 MS. BOTHNER: Yeah, I'm going to. I wanted
23 to say how long I've lived here. I'm not a

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1 Allegany resident, but I am from Olean and I care
2 about what's happening over here. My name is Peg
3 Bothner. I live on Main Street in Olean.

4 And I've been meeting with the Concerned
5 Citizens for a long time now. And I'm just going
6 to give a rundown of some of the information that's
7 been available for everybody in town and where it
8 was found.

9 For well over a year and a half the Olean
10 Times Herald has published many articles on the
11 effect of the wind turbines in Chipmonk. These
12 articles were written by local people. They are an
13 excellent source of information. They were easy to
14 understand and they were factual. And for the most
15 part the writers of these articles concluded that
16 the turbines were not a good idea for Allegany.

17 On March 28th right here -- no. Excuse me.
18 On March 28th the Olean Times Herald featured an

19 editorial by the editor. He also concluded that
20 the turbine project was not nice for Allegany.

21 On April 7th at a meeting of Concerned
22 Citizens of Cattaraugus County right here at Birch
23 Run Center, we attracted over 150 local people

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1 sharing their deep concerns over the impact of the
2 turbines.

3 The Olean Times Herald again chose to give
4 us a front page story, a full color photo. The
5 voice of the people was heard loud and clear
6 through that.

7 Now, when trying to gain information from
8 the EverPower people, you are asked to look at
9 their Draft on Environmental Impact Statement, it's
10 called DEIS. It's contained in three large
11 five-inch-thick binders. They're available at the
12 Allegany Library, the Town Hall, Bonaventure and on
13 the Internet at the Concerned Citizens website.

14 The size of these binders and the depth of
15 detail make the information difficult to understand
16 for the average citizen.

17 On April 12th, EverPower presented their
18 proposals right here at the Birch Run Center. We
19 have heard very little about who attended and the
20 outcome of the meeting. It's rather curious, isn't
21 it?

22 The inference of concerned Citizens all add
23 up to a resounding no to wind turbines in Allegany.

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1 I hope the town board is listening. And after all,
2 the board will be doing the voting, not the people.
3 Thank you.

4 MS. KIBLER: Kathy Boser.

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6 STATEMENT OF KATHY BOSER
7 1168 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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9 MS. BOSER: Hi. Thank you. I'm Kathy
10 Boser. I'm present here tonight to voice my
11 opinion against the proposed wind farm on Chipmonk
12 Road in Allegany.

13 When I first heard of this project I did not
14 have a formed opinion either way. I then started
15 reading and listening to the experts.

16 In my printed copy I'm going to give you I
17 bolded this designation of experts because there is
18 a diverse spectrum of opinions on either side of
19 these issues. For every argument against the wind
20 proponents you will find contradiction and vice
21 versa.

22 My biggest concern is how this project will
23 effect my immediate family residing in this project

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1 area, which includes three households and five
2 grandchildren.

3 I have sought out the reaction of the those
4 living near the industrial wind farms because
5 experts aside, I wanted to hear from those
6 ordinary, everyday citizens and find out whether
7 they have been effected by the turbines.

8 Over and over and over and over again the
9 same responses are relayed. Audible sounds from
10 wind turbines have been described as ranging from
11 nuisance to intolerable levels.

12 Researchers found the odds of being annoyed
13 by wind turbine noise increased with increasing
14 sound pressures, rural areas and hilly or rocky
15 terrains, which amply describes our project area.

16 In Ontario, a coalition of 33 citizen groups
17 undertook a community-based self-reporting health
18 study that collects data about the experiences of
19 families living near industrial wind turbines.

20 The wind voice health survey followed the
21 principals of health Canada vigilants which
22 encouraged all concerned in Canada to self-report
23 suspected adverse health affects.

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1 Out of the 132 returned surveys from people
2 living close to the wind turbines, 106 people have
3 reported adverse health defects since the turbines
4 went up near them. This is a real shocking high
5 number. Over 80 percent of the respondents
6 reporting that they have been effected negatively.

7 It was reported that none of these people
8 were opposed to the turbines when they went up and
9 had even welcomed them into the communities. This
10 information is available online.

11 I'm also going to give you a copy of this.

12 Please read the comments about their
13 disturbed living conditions, loss of quality of
14 life and enjoyment of their homes and property and
15 financial loss due to the negative impact to their
16 health of the families.

17 It's incumbent for you to consider these
18 responses when you make your decision whether or
19 not to permit this project to go forward in
20 Allegany.

21 I certainly hope you will determine not in
22 Chipmonk, not in any area near Allegany where this
23 project has potential to effect the health and

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1 well-being of its respondents. Thank you.

2 MS. KIBLER: Dave Boser.

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4 STATEMENT OF DAVE BOSER

5 1168 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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7 MR. BOSER: My name is Dave Boser. I live
8 at 1168 Chipmonk Road. I lived and grew up in
9 Chipmonk as a kid until I went in the Army 1969 to
10 1972.

11 I moved back to Chipmonk with my wife and
12 family in 1991 for the peace and quietness that
13 only country living can provide.

14 I'm a Viet Nam Veteran. I am 100 percent
15 disabled because I was diagnosed a few years ago
16 with having severe and chronic post traumatic
17 stress from my time spent in Viet Nam.

18 The symptoms of PTS include trouble with
19 concentration, memory, feeling on edge, being
20 easily startled and most prominent is the
21 nightmares and trouble sleeping.

22 when compounded by the noise generated by
23 having wind turbines on both sides of our ridges, I

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1 can just imagine how much more this will effect my
2 symptoms, especially sleep disturbance.

3 My wife and I have already submitted a
4 letter to both boards in regards to the CRA-driven
5 recommendations in the local law to allow an
6 overall 40 dBA sound level.

7 This evening I am submitting a copy of the
8 complete 2009 study. Over 150 pages from the world
9 Health Organization, which has found that any
10 nighttime noise level above 30 dBA will have an
11 impact on the ability to sleep undisturbed. And
12 that proven adverse health effects from sleep
13 disturbance results from a noise level at 40 dB or
14 greater.

15 This is a copy of the email correspondence
16 my wife and I had with Dr. Kim, director of the
17 world Health Organization for environmental and
18 health. And I'm asking you to keep the current
19 noise standards unchanged.

20 And I'm not the only vet that lives in
21 Chipmonk. I have a neighbor who is a Viet Nam Vet
22 and I know of others who live in or near the
23 project area.

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1 we also have veterans who have returned from
2 Afghanistan and Iraq and more who will be returning
3 from the military. Many of whom will just be
4 starting to feel the effects of their PTS.

5 Please consider the consequences of having
6 this industrial wind farm in our community and the
7 impact this will have on us. Don't sell us out.
8 You can't really put a price tag on a person's
9 health or well-being.

10 Please keep our small town of Allegany and
11 its quite valleys a calm, peaceful haven for any
12 and all. Don't take it away from us. It's too
13 precious to lose.

14 MS. KIBLER: Cathy Koebelin.

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16 STATEMENT OF CATHY KOEBELIN

17 300 Hawthorn Lane, Allegany, NY 14706

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19 MS. KOEBELIN: Good evening everybody. My
20 name is Cathy Koebelin and I live on Hawthorn lane
21 in Allegany.

22 My husband and I made a decision in 2007 to
23 make an investment in Allegany, and that was

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1 building a home. We chose to build in Allegany
2 based on three factors. A building lot that had a
3 spectacular view, an area that would support and
4 sustain its value, quality of life. In other
5 words, we made our decision to build a home based
6 on three words location, location, location.

7 People choose Allegany for the quality of

8 life it offers. Allegany is a real gem within
9 Cattaraugus County.

10 So we now have the EverPower project before
11 us and this is a project that will change Allegany
12 and our surrounding area as we know it and our
13 quality of life as we know it.

14 Many concerns surround the wind turbines
15 when they are placed in residential areas. Will
16 our quiet country neighborhood stay quite? How
17 will those that are impacted by noise be
18 compensated, especially if there are resulting
19 health problems? Will veterinary bills be covered
20 when animals are effected? Will homes suffer
21 declining values that will result from deduction of
22 the town's tax base? How will impacted homeowners
23 be compensated if there is a loss in value or a

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1 home can't be sold?

2 Is there a reason why those in the wind
3 business such as EverPower, GE and Simmons do not
4 place homes in their TV ads or websites next to the
5 500 foot turbines?

6 If our town, county and school district
7 officials become used to having the wind payments
8 to spend for 10 years, will the spending
9 automatically stop when the payments stop or will

10 taxes increase to support the increased spending
11 levels?

12 As I read through the DEIS report and see
13 studies on these very topics, I ask that our town
14 officials perform due diligence on these studies.

15 Who has paid for these studies? Those that
16 will profit from wind energy? What independent
17 studies will the Town of Allegany conduct for its
18 residents.

19 Do you totally discount the personal
20 testimonies of those that have been negatively
21 impacted in town with wind turbines? Can our town
22 officials be 100 percent certain that our quality
23 of life won't change or be diminished?

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1 If there is any uncertainty, why take the
2 risk? I ask that you not risk our investments, our
3 homes in Allegany and our quality of life.

4 Finally, after you build a home, many people
5 ask is there anything that you would do
6 differently. With the proposed project my answer
7 is quite simple. Don't build in Allegany.

8 MS. KIBLER: David Koebelin.

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10 STATEMENT OF DAVID KOEBELIN
11 300 Hawthorn Lane, Allegany, NY 14706

12

13 MR. KOEBELIN: Good evening everyone. My
14 name is David Koebelin and amazingly enough I also
15 live at 300 Hawthorn Lane.

16 Construction of our home was in 2008. Cathy
17 and I spent 25 years trying to get ahead with a
18 goal of eventually being able to build a new home.
19 Unfortunately, our pursuit of the American dream
20 has led us straight into the Allegany nightmare.

21 Quite simply, our house was built at this
22 location because of the view. We bought into the
23 idea of a development named Woods Edge, not turbine

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1 view.

2 The zoning development plan for Woods Edge
3 sets forth minimum square footage, minimum cost to
4 build, height of hedges and fences and numerous
5 other rules and expectations with which we had to
6 agree.

7 The developer and the town together set
8 certain expectations and together set a tone of
9 protectionism for this development.

10 while we are indeed protected from seeing
11 our neighbor's laundry hanging on the line, we
12 would prefer to be protected from those who prefer
13 to erect industrial machines 500 feet high on the
14 mountain tops across from our home. Where are the

15 safeguards for our investment? To say that we feel
16 betrayed is an understatement.

17 As to this proposed project, I have studied
18 the current zoning ordinance. This project is not
19 in keeping with the objective stated in the town's
20 zoning ordinance as updated in August of 2007.

21 This project fails miserably when compared
22 to those established goals. It is in no way
23 functionally and aesthetically harmonious with

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1 nearby structures and land uses.

2 It causes rather than prevents ecological
3 damage and visual light. And in this case,
4 environmental resources are eliminated or
5 substantially altered to serve development purposes
6 only.

7 I am not aware of any exceptions to these
8 objectives based on how much money an out-of-town
9 developer decides to waive at us. These objectives
10 were just amended in 2007. I certainly hope they
11 are still valid.

12 And finally, it appears that for some
13 people, if enough money is thrown on the table,
14 whatever harm comes to one's neighbors really
15 doesn't matter.

16 I believe this is the wrong approach to life
17 and I hope the planning board and the town board

18 agree with me. Thanks for listening.

19 MS. KIBLER: Jose Sanchez.

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21 STATEMENT OF JOSE SANCHEZ

22 1143 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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1 MR. SANCHEZ: Hi. My name is Jose Sanchez
2 and me and my wife live at the top of Chipmonk.

3 I've been listening to all of these comments
4 about the noise and everything. And about a year
5 ago we received a letter which I haven't heard
6 anybody talk about, about our well and what type of
7 well we had and our water and that we needed to
8 test this and everything. And it came from
9 EverPower.

10 So I guess my question is why did they send
11 me this letter. And obviously they're expecting
12 problems to happen to my water. Who is going to be
13 responsible when there are problems to my water?
14 That's all I have.

15 MS. KIBLER: Melissa O'Dell.

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17 STATEMENT OF MELISSA O'DELL

18 4970 Flatstone Road, Allegany, NY 14753

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20 MS. O'DELL: I was going to have a DVD of
21 the hills of Allegany in the background, but I had
22 a little bit of technical difficulty. Oh well.
23 You know what our hills look like.

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1 MR. SPITZER: You can submit a picture of
2 any kind you want. You have until May 3rd.

3 MS. O'DELL: My name is Melissa O'Dell and I
4 live in Chipmonk, New York.

5 This is where we live, the Enchanted
6 Mountains. It is our identity. It is one very
7 good reason to relocate here. It's pristine. It
8 is typically why the newcomer is attracted to our
9 area. It is why I live in Chipmonk.

10 I'm an optimist, a visionary, a teacher. I
11 support renewable energy, solar, wind, bio-thermal,
12 hydroelectric, new research.

13 I have plans upon retirement to promote my
14 Enchanted Mountain community. But trying to sell
15 this area with wind turbine development in view is
16 not in my picture of a future life here.

17 We are striking out new territory by
18 considering industrial wind farm placement so close
19 to homes, my home in Chipmonk, your home Allegany
20 and Olean citizens.

21 If you go online it's not difficult to
22 locate negative information, protests, lawsuits,

23 massive demonstrations, letters worldwide. The

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1 information is not located in some obscure radical
2 magazine. Ordinary people like you and I are
3 speaking out and no one is listening.

4 Recently we brought some fellow citizens
5 from Cohocton and Sheldon to speak to you. Only
6 three out of 14 invited town and planning board
7 members appeared.

8 Their stories of wind company assurances
9 sounded familiar to all the stories I have read
10 about. They spoke about low frequency sound
11 disturbances. They measured over 78 to 95 dBA at
12 night. The reinforced that the sound could be
13 heard five miles out. They spoke about the chronic
14 sleeplessness and the purchase of competing
15 background sound machines to drown out sounds.

16 On a personal note, I contacted an old
17 friend who lives in Denmark. I queried her about
18 the pros and cons of wind turbines in her
19 progressive country. I submit her letter to verify
20 I did not prompt the following response.

21 Dear Melissa, the inference is that wind
22 farms are fine as long as they are not near where
23 you live. Even if laws about distance, residential

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1 areas and maximum noise are observed, wind farms
2 are a nuisance to neighbors and house prices there
3 fall typically 30 to 50 percent and some houses
4 cannot even be sold.

5 wind farms ought to be placed at sea.

6 Several projects are built and are being built at
7 sea in Denmark. Wind farms in the countryside are
8 met with massive protests from neighbors.

9 One exception is wind farms at the Island of
10 Samso where the inhabitants own the wind farms.
11 When they see the wind turn the wings of windmills,
12 they know money is pouring into their bank accounts
13 and they also enjoy being the producers of clean
14 energy.

15 I hope this is helpful. You are welcome to
16 call me if you want to talk more about it.

17 This letter is evidence that in a country
18 which has been in the wind industry for years ahead
19 of us, the issues are the same. Will we learn from
20 their mistakes? EverPower is considering placing
21 29 turbines in adjacent ridges where the topography
22 cups and funnels sound through our valley.

23 I can hear my neighbor's normal voice

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1 conversations --

2 MR. DeFIORE: Melissa, time's up.

3 MS. O'DELL: Thank you.

4 MS. KIBLER: Chris Napoleon.

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6 STATEMENT OF CHRIS NAPOLEON

7 3835 West Branch Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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9 MR. CHRIS NAPOLEON: Good evening. I'm
10 Chris Napoleon. I proudly live at 3835 West Branch
11 Road. Thank you for the opportunity to address you
12 here tonight and to the town board.

13 Ladies and gentlemen, the decision to add
14 wind turbines to our landscape needs to be
15 consistent with who we are and what we are
16 promoting for our region. So what is that? Let's
17 define it.

18 The impact on wind turbines extends well
19 beyond Chipmonk and West Branch and Four Mile. I
20 looked at most of our electronic and printed
21 information about Allegany and Olean and
22 Cattaraugus County. This what I found.

23 Exhibit A, from www.allegany.org. First

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1 paragraph, the Town and Village of Allegany, New
2 York are situated along the Allegany River, among
3 the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York.

4 Furthermore, within the town there are
5 several parks for play and many hills and forests
6 for hiking and hunting.

7 Exhibit B, city map for Olean and area.
8 Opening up to the first page, the City of Olean is
9 happy to provide you with this up-to-date map and
10 welcome you to our community. Located in the heart
11 of the Enchanted Mountains, our area is blessed
12 with incredible natural beauty and historical
13 charm.

14 Exhibit C, Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce
15 Guide. Front and back covers show the positive
16 effects of positive visual impact of our natural
17 beauty.

18 Lastly, I come to our Cattaraugus County
19 brochure, the Enchanted Mountains, the other side
20 of New York State. Open it up first page, welcome
21 to the Enchanted Mountains of Cattaraugus County.
22 When you think of New York you probably envision
23 tall buildings, bright lights and cement. Bustling

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1 crowds of people and noisy traffic. Madison Avenue
2 and Wall Street.

3 Think again. We are the other side of New

4 York. We are the Enchanted Mountains of
5 Cattaraugus County in Southwestern New York where
6 beautiful scenery displays forested rolling hills
7 and clean sparkling lakes. Rivers and streams.
8 Quaint villages. Friendly people with events and
9 activities for all interests.

10 It's very clear as to who we are and what
11 we're promoting. A vote in favor of wind turbines
12 in landscape will be the beginning of a new
13 marketing campaign for our region.

14 The 115 kV transmission line starting at the
15 Southwest branch of Chipmonk Ridge with four mile
16 and two mile ridges and valleys continuing into
17 Olean.

18 It will open the door for additional
19 turbines on Rock City, Knapp Creek, Four Mile, Two
20 Mile ridges with access to all of these ridges from
21 Route 16.

22 Ladies and gentlemen, there are better
23 places to put these turbines. Saying no to wind

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1 turbines does not make you un-American or against
2 our national goal for clean energy.

3 As a member of the American Wind Energy
4 Association, I am privy to the magazines of this
5 association and they show --

6 MR. DeFIORE: Chris, time's up.

7 MR. CHRIS NAPOLEON: Thank you.

8 MS. KIBLER: Gus Napoleon.

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10 STATEMENT OF GUS NAPOLEON

11 3813 West Branch Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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13 MR. GUS NAPOLEON: Good evening. Thank you
14 for coming. And I feel privileged to have the
15 opportunity to speak with you.

16 I took note of an article by Kate Sager in
17 Monday's edition of the Olean Times Herald, in
18 which towards the ends of the article she quotes
19 one member of the planning board, and it's a direct
20 quote, this is going to be the town board's
21 decision when it boils down to a final decision. I
22 think it will come down to what kind of deal the
23 wind people will offer compared to how strongly the

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1 community feels.

2 All the planning board can do is make sure
3 all the Ts crossed and the Is are dotted. We are
4 here to make sure the wind power company does
5 everything they're supposed to do.

6 well, there's no doubt about it. They're
7 going to do everything that they're supposed to do.
8 The question is, is it for the good of our

9 community?

10 As my son, Chris, said, through the
11 brochures that he brought to your attention, these
12 are the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York.

13 We live on the West Branch about a half mile
14 from the ridge and I look at that ridge several
15 times a day and I see that it's been made
16 naturally, aesthetically and in a direct line from
17 north to south. Beautiful.

18 I look over to the valley on the right, the
19 sun is coming up early in the morning, 6:30 quarter
20 to 7:00 and there isn't a opportunity that I'd give
21 up coming home or going into town that I don't
22 thank the good Lord for creating this aesthetic and
23 natural beauty.

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1 And what disturbs me is that if there's a
2 majority vote on the board, will it be a decisive
3 vote? Because you may have out of a number of five
4 people on the board three voting yes making it the
5 majority against the feelings of that we've heard
6 this evening so far of 100-and-so people here. I
7 mean, we are the people. And the people speak.
8 We're not elected. We're not put in power.
9 And there's an awful lot of power when you're on a
10 board.

11 I'm going to close with anecdotal story
12 about my son Chris. When he was a kid and all his
13 buddies had these miniature motorcycle they'd take
14 off after school and be gone for three or four
15 hours --

16 MR. DeFIORE: Chris, your time's up.

17 MR. GUS NAPOLEON: Oh, heck.

18 MS. KIBLER: Bill Jaremko.

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20 STATEMENT OF BILL JAREMKO
21 793 Lippert Hollow Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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23 MR. JAREMKO: I am Bill Jaremko and I live

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1 on Lippert Hollow Road. I don't expect to see or
2 hear the windmills, you know, but I care real
3 deeply what they can do to our community. And
4 that's why we're here. You know.

5 And I want to start by thanking the board.
6 You know, you guys -- before I started coming here
7 I'm thinking, God, they're not really listening.

8 And I've been going to the meetings, I've
9 been reading these interviews and stuff. And I
10 think you guys are paying attention. You know.
11 You listen to everything. The effect on the
12 community. You know. The potential income to the
13 town. The will of the community, that's what we're

14 doing here today.

15 But you gotta consider the rights of the
16 power people, the people who own the land. You
17 gotta do a balanced decision. I don't want to be
18 in your position. It's hard.

19 Clean energy is great. I think it's a
20 wonderful thing. Who wants it here? And I kind of
21 feel that way too. You know. You've heard this
22 all before, but I just want to go over my concerns
23 with it.

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1 we've been saying we have a beautiful area.
2 I didn't come here by accident. I raised my kids
3 here. It's a great place.

4 Are we trading that in maybe for a potential
5 short-term gain? Will these companies survive
6 without subsidies? What if they go bankrupt? Do
7 we have money in escrow to dismantle these towers
8 or are we going to be stuck with them? You know.
9 Might the income that the town receives be offset
10 by loss of property value, potential loss of new
11 families? Who wants to move by this stuff?

12 Again, green energy is great, but it effects
13 all of us. You know. I've been here for a bunch
14 of years now. And look at what happened to our
15 night sky when Wal-Mart opened up with all the

16 lights. All the sudden we don't see the stars.
17 Now we're going to replace our rural beauty for
18 more industry. Please consider that. Thank you.

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STATEMENT OF ELIZABETH JAREMKO

21

793 Lippert Hollow Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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MS. JAREMKO: Hi. I'm Elizabeth Jaremko. I

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1 live on Lippert Hollow. I was born here and I will
2 present the future of Allegany.

3 I am proud to live here. Surrounded by the
4 beauty of the hills and the trees. I hope to raise
5 a family here some day. And I hope that they will
6 be able to view the beauty and the beauty that I've
7 been able to appreciate.

8 It is also my hope that for many generations
9 to come they will be all be able to view this
10 beauty and I hope that we can preserve it. Thank
11 you.

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MS. KIBLER: Daniel Childs.

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STATEMENT OF DANIEL CHILDS

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3172 Cooper Hill Road, Humphrey, NY

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MR. CHILDS: My name is Dan Childs. Thank

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you for your service from the town planning board.

19 It's a thankless job, but I'm confident you will do
20 what is best for the Town of Allegany.

21 My opinion is that this is a bad
22 proposition. After researching and learning the
23 facts, I realized wind power is not right for

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1 Cattaraugus County. We need to stop. We need to
2 act to stop it or it will be too late forever. Our
3 Enchanted Mountains will look like the shoreline of
4 Lake Erie and Lackawanna after the steel mills
5 closed.

6 There is not justification enough to destroy
7 habitat, scenic views for all of us, nor is that
8 what being green is about. This is not the intent
9 of the subsidy money in the first place.

10 The only reason to dynamite our hilltops and
11 dot them with red lights that never shut off is
12 money and greed. It certainly is not going to save
13 the planet from global warning.

14 Once the green light is given to the project
15 in the Town of Allegany for the first 29 turbines,
16 the rest of the town is open for turbines. From
17 hilltop to hilltop including right up to the
18 boundary of neighboring towns. I ask you, the
19 planning board, to say no to the project for the
20 good of all.

21 100421_-_public_hearing
MS. KIBLER: Mona Lewis.

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STATEMENT OF MONA LEWIS

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1 3460 Fortune Drive, Allegany NY 14706

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3 MS. LEWIS: Hi. My name is Mona Lewis.

4 I've had lived in Allegany for the last 27 years.

5 I moved here from New York City. I'm not

6 interested in seeing metal towers anywhere near my

7 house or from hilltops in surrounding areas. And I

8 hope that the planning board and the town board are

9 taking into consideration the beauty of this area

10 as everybody else has spoken about and the

11 Enchanted Mountains.

12 This is what we use to promote Allegany and

13 to bring people here for jobs, to live, to move

14 here, to raise their children here. And I think

15 it's short-sited to just see the money that will

16 come into the town over the next 10 years without

17 really appreciating what it's going to mean to the

18 environment, what we see, how we promote this area

19 and what we're going to be left with when that

20 money dries up from well power. Is that the name

21 of the company?

22 We're going to be left with these towers

23 that don't change colors in the fall and are here

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1 to just mar the environment. So I hope you'll take
2 some of these things into consideration. Thank
3 you.

4 MS. KIBLER: Carrie Childs.

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6 STATEMENT OF CARRIE CHILDS
7 3172 Cooper Hill Road, Hinsdale, NY 14743

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9 MS. CHILDS: Hi everybody. My name is
10 Carrie Childs and I live in Humphrey.

11 I'd like to add my voice to those opposed to
12 the wind mill project in Allegany for several
13 reasons. I think this area is beautiful just the
14 way it is. It would be a travesty to mar the
15 scenic beauty of the rolling hills with huge wind
16 turbines.

17 For decades to come our Enchanted Mountains
18 will no longer have the lovely vistas that we enjoy
19 everyday and which draw thousands of visitors and
20 their spending money to this area every year.

21 It's not as though this project will
22 generate electrical energy and savings for the
23 residents of the entire area. It's been stated the

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1 energy generated here will supply the grid and be
2 used in large metro areas on the East Coast to meet
3 fluctuating demands.

4 In fact, this site was chosen because of
5 close proximity and access to transmission lines.
6 It has also been shown that without the federal and
7 state tax subsidies there just isn't enough wind to
8 make this project profitable to put here without
9 the incentives.

10 When the subsidies are gone, EverPower will
11 disappear as well leaving these huge mechanical
12 structures to sit and rust in silence at long last
13 after they have outlived their usefulness.

14 The relatively small amount of revenues the
15 school district, town and county will realize from
16 the project over the next 10 years cannot possibly
17 be measured against the negative impact both known
18 and unknown on the community.

19 Health issues, road damage, property
20 devaluation, loss of tourism, no job creation,
21 negative impact on wildlife. Where is the line on
22 the sand where we stop and say no, it's just not
23 worth it?

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1 Is it short-term gain or long-term loss?
2 There will be no benefit to the tax payers from
3 this project. Nowhere have I heard that folks in
4 Allegany won't pay taxes, as is the case in some
5 other towns with wind farms. What is more likely
6 to happen is taxes will increase.

7 The school district and the town will have
8 more money to spend for 10 years because of the tax
9 incentives, but when the incentives and subsidies
10 are gone and the tax base returns to the level
11 generated by the town's property taxes, the tax
12 payers will have a heavier burden than ever making
13 up for the 10 years of plush spending.

14 Allowing 29 turbines now will open the door
15 for others to follow on additional hilltops in
16 neighboring towns.

17 I'm not opposed to green energy sources or
18 wind farms when they are placed responsibly, but
19 not here on our hilltops, not in our neighbors'
20 backyards and not because it's the most convenient
21 place.

22 Money and greed should not be allowed to
23 leave a legacy of destruction, noise, possible

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1 health issues, disappearing wildlife and plummeting

2 property values.

3 Most of us live here because we were born
4 and raised here. Some of us, like me, live here
5 because we choose to. It is truly a wonderful,
6 unique place to live and work and raise families.

7 This community has so much going for it and
8 so much to offer. Please, please can we keep it
9 that way? Thank you for the opportunity to speak
10 to you.

11 MS. KIBLER: Bill Boser.

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13 STATEMENT OF BILL BOSER

14 1216 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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16 MR. BOSER: Hi. I'm Bill Boser. I live in
17 the Town of Allegany and the Chipmonk Valley. I've
18 been -- I've lived there now for all my life, 67
19 years.

20 As my sister, Kathy Premo, said, we've lived
21 there -- my family has lived there for four
22 generations. Our house was -- still has the
23 Holland Land Grant so we were one of the families

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1 who first moved in.

2 while I take my three minutes and read this
3 report we got from Olean Medical Group concerning
4 my wife.

5 To whom it may concern, it has been brought
6 to my attention that there has been proposal for
7 windmills for the valleys of Chipmonk and Allegany,
8 New York. This has been brought to my attention by
9 Shirley Boser of Allegany.

10 Shirley is a patient of mine that I have
11 been seeing for years. She has disabling
12 migraines.

13 After reviewing an article provided to me by
14 Shirley and numerous articles on wind turbines and
15 wind power online, it is my opinion that this may
16 very well be detrimental to my patient's medical
17 condition. Very sincerely your, Dr. Castro.

18 Thank you very much.

19 MS. KIBLER: Dave O'Dell.

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21 STATEMENT OF DAVE O'DELL
22 4970 Flatstone Road, Allegany, NY 14753
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1 MR. DAVE O'DELL: Hi. My name is Dave
2 O'Dell. I live in Allegany -- Chipmonk actually.

3 Several years ago I talked with Don Norton
4 and Don told me that there were some people
5 discussing putting wind turbines on his hill.

6 I really didn't think anything of it at that

7 time. I thought wind turbines. You know. I
8 wasn't real familiar with wind turbines, but I
9 remember the ones in Holland.

10 So anyway that was the way I felt for quite
11 a while until one of my neighbors stopped by and
12 asked me about what I thought of the wind turbines.
13 I said well, I don't know. They're probably okay.
14 He said do you know they're going to be 500 feet
15 tall? I said no. I said I can't believe it'd 500
16 feet tall. They're huge.

17 So then we started looking into wind
18 turbines and looking stuff up on the Internet. One
19 of the reasons that we used to think that we wanted
20 this wind energy is because we wouldn't have quite
21 as much imported oil. Then I found that oil is
22 only about -- only one percent of the oil is used
23 to generate electricity. So that -- that's not a

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1 very good reason I guess.

2 Then I started reading about the complaints
3 all over the world on the noise. Wind turbines are
4 very noisy and some places they are much more noisy
5 than others.

6 we have a topography here that when these
7 wind turbines are on the ridges, the sound is going
8 to carry down into the valleys. They feel that it
9 would be much louder there than in a normal flat

10 area like some of the rolling hill-type places.

11 So the town folks I think at one time kind
12 of dismissed the noise thing, but I think they know
13 that there is a noise problem today with the wind
14 turbines.

15 In fact, they would like to -- the town
16 planning board is recommending rasing the noise
17 level to the town board. And the only reason I
18 could see why they'd do that, they may be afraid
19 that the turbines won't meet the noise level that
20 we have right now.

21 I believe the burden from the noise of these
22 turbines for the residents of Chipmonk, Knapp
23 Creek, West Branch, Four Mile, Lippert Hollow far

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1 outweigh the benefits.

2 One other thing I'd like to talk about just
3 briefly is the visual impact pictures that
4 EverPower gave us.

5 And just in reference to that, a couple
6 weeks ago I was going up Route 77 going up to the
7 Town of Sheldon and I saw a wind tower, the first
8 wind tower as I was driving up through there. And
9 I thought that's pretty close. I wonder how far it
10 is away it is. I punched in my mileage ticker on
11 my truck.

12 And I went about just a little bit over four
13 miles before I was beside that wind turbine sitting
14 very close to the road. So these things are huge.
15 And the pictures -- the pictures really that they
16 give us in trying to describe what these --

17 MR. DeFIORE: Dave, time's up.

18 MR. O'DELL: I got one more sentence. I
19 just want to make this statement.

20 The pictures provided by EverPower make
21 these monsters look like stick drawings printed by
22 a printer running low on ink.

23 MS. KIBLER: Valerie Ackely.

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STATEMENT OF VALERIE ACKLEY

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1648 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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5 MS. ACKLEY: My name is Valerie Ackley. I'm
6 Chipmonk born and raised. I see a lot of my
7 neighbors and people who live around here.

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My big thing is they're not efficient and if
9 you're running a regular business you wouldn't want
10 something that was that inefficient.

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Number two, the noise and they're ugly.

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I've seen the ones up in Cohocton. They're huge

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and ugly and scary.

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what happens when they're breaking down?

15 what happens like the neighbor of Chipmonk who has
16 questions about the water. That's one of the
17 things I was wondering about. What's going to
18 happen to our water quality in Chipmonk?

19 we've dealt with oil well pollution crap for
20 years. we don't need to deal with destruction of
21 our hilltops causing more runoff and destruction of
22 that.

23 It's a beautiful area and it's not going to

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1 stay that way with those things. And I just hope
2 that we don't get them and I don't think -- and I
3 mean, wildlife, animals. Somebody mentioned -- has
4 anything -- you know.

5 what's going to happen to these things if
6 they're all gone? They will go just like anything
7 from pollution and to me they're a pollution.

8 Thank you.

9 MS. KIBLER: Barry Miller.

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11 STATEMENT OF BARRY MILLER
12 3624 Jollytown Road, Hinsdale, NY 14743

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14 MR. MILLER: I'm Barry Miller living at 3624
15 Jollytown Road, Hinsdale, New York.

16 My previous expertise was as a wind turbine

17 engineer and wind farm operation and maintenance.

18 I'm very much opposed to the installation of
19 the wind farm in the Chipmonk area or any other
20 area in western New York. My reasons against wind
21 farming here is that there is not sufficient wind
22 to be installing 2.5 megawatt turbines. It's a
23 waste of our tax dollars, not to mention a waste of

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1 good equipment to have a wind farm here.

2 The sounds from the turbines will make life
3 miserable for many people who will be sharing their
4 neighborhood with the wind farm. The damage to the
5 environment due to the installation of the roads,
6 power lines, substations, turbine staging areas is
7 not acceptable. Therefore, I am against wind farm
8 installations in this area.

9 The amount of blasting required to install
10 turbines on Chipmonk ridge is not acceptable.
11 Therefore, no wind turbines in this area.

12 The tax base and property values in the area
13 will be degraded by the presence of wind turbines.
14 No wind farms here.

15 The visual impact of wind turbines on the
16 viewscape of Olean and Allegany does not justify
17 the installation of a wind farm in this area.

18 This the scarring of the beautiful hills is
19 not worth the effort to have a wind farm here. I'm

20 urging the town board and the planning board to
21 reject the request for a wind farm installation
22 here. Thank you.

23 MS. KIBLER: Marcia Storch.

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STATEMENT OF MARCIA STORCH

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2545 Hayden Road, Olean, NY 14760

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MS. STORCH: My name is Marcia Storch and I
am Olean resident. And I have chosen to live in
this area.

There's really not much more that I can say
that others have not already said. I'm just here
to support my Allegany neighbors and say to you
it's time for you to listen to your constituents.
They're the ones who voted you in. I can't vote
you out. I'm not a resident here. They can.

And that's what's going to happen because in
our community and our whole country people are
feeling like they're not being heard. And I think
the voice and the -- what's being said here tonight
should let you have -- to pull out your morale
compass. You have a morale obligation to listen to
them and to do what they have to say. They're --
it's not beneficial to this community. It's not

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22 beneficial to everyone in the community. Allegany,
23 Hinsdale, Olean, Portville. We're all going to be

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1 -- somehow it's going to effect us and not in a
2 positive way.

3 They're nothing but giant steel monsters.
4 And once they are broken, they're going to be a
5 scar on our community and our environment.

6 Think about it. Is it worth selling your
7 souls to have this company come in and put these
8 monstrosities here?

9 If we were in California or Oklahoma it
10 would be great idea. There's lots of wind there.
11 We don't have it here. Thank you.

12 MS. KIBLER: Steve -- I don't want to mess
13 up your last name.

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15 STATEMENT OF STEVE POKRZYK
16 172 Hawthorn Lane, Allegany, NY 14706

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18 MR. POKRZYK: Hello. I'm Steve Pokrzyk and
19 my wife, Stacey, and I, we live on Hawthorn Lane in
20 Allegany.

21 we've heard many people tonight talk about
22 the health and safety issues and concerns. We've
23 heard about the impact on wildlife, the impact on

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1 property value, as well as the change in our
2 landscape. I can agree with all of those comments
3 made earlier tonight.

4 I was not born here. My wife was not
5 either. We don't have the pleasure of saying that
6 we've lived here for 20, 30, 40, 57, 60 years as
7 some of the others. I can't imagine how you must
8 feel how this is happening right here in the
9 community you've grown up with generation, after
10 generation, after generation.

11 In July of 2007 my wife and I relocated from
12 New Jersey, Southern New Jersey. And we lived in
13 the typical New Jersey development, which means
14 come in, knock everything down, start from scratch
15 and hopefully in 10, 15, 20 years you have a tree
16 that's taller than your house.

17 We picked Hawthorn and this area based upon
18 the view based upon the wildlife and how peaceful
19 it was in this area.

20 I'm going to embarrass my wife, but I
21 remember that when we first moved here, I remember
22 the first day we came outside and she said the air
23 just seems so much fresher here. Everything seems

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1 so much greener. All right.

2 We were city folks. We didn't see wildlife.
3 The first time we saw turkeys walking up our
4 driveway we had to take a picture and call our
5 family. The first time we saw deer in our yard we
6 took definitely took pictures, we have videotapes.
7 We have Allegany Al, which is our little friend
8 that lives on the side of our hill.

9 I can guarantee we would not have moved
10 here, we would not have moved our house if we knew
11 this was going to happen just a few short years
12 later. Long-term we don't know any of the
13 certainty of what's going to happen as Erick Laine
14 mentioned earlier.

15 And I think as a community we should be
16 welcoming people into this community and not
17 driving them away. Thank you.

18 MS. KIBLER: Ron DeMattio.

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20 STATEMENT OF RON DeMATTIO
21 1721 Allegany Street, Olean, NY 14760

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23 MR. DeMATTIO: Pardon my voice. This is

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1 what happens to me with the pollen in the air.

2 My name is Ron DeMattio. I live in Allegany
3 and I've been coming to the hearings on the wind
4 farm for four years now. And I studied
5 environmental studies Santa Fe State. And
6 graduated [inaudible], was involved in a
7 environmental law and I've been involved in
8 environmental issues since then. So that was in
9 the sixties when I started.

10 And I will tell you that if I listen to some
11 of the information that's being said here today and
12 some of the stuff I've heard over the last four
13 years I would go crawl under a rock and figure, you
14 know, the world is coming to an end.

15 But the truth is that a lot of the
16 information that people are hearing about noise and
17 environmental impacts is false. And that there's a
18 lot of really bad information being spread around
19 the web and it bounces from anti-wind site to
20 another anti-wind site. And it's like somebody
21 standing in a room full of mirrors and saying wow,
22 these people believe me.

23 I found a lot of times the noise levels are

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1 being referenced to -- and I'll chase down
2 information and it comes back to me in Pierpont.

3 And she's been debunked by experts in the field,
4 but she just gets louder. If I talk louder and
5 keep saying the same thing over and over again,
6 people will eventually believe me.

7 The DEIS, which is this what is supposed to
8 be in reference to here tonight, is an excellent,
9 excellent look at all the various factors
10 microwaves, TV, you know, the impact on air travel
11 and the noise issues.

12 And I would hope that the board would stick
13 with the -- all the effort and energy they put in
14 this and all the studies and base their decision on
15 that studied information and not hearsay and
16 hysteria. Thank you.

17 MS. KIBLER: Richard chew.

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19 STATEMENT OF RICHARD CHEW
20 3737 Birch Run Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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22 MR. CHEW: Hello. My name is Richard Chew.
23 I live right here on Birch Run Road. I was the

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1 last one on the list folks so we're getting close.

2 I've listened to most things and I had a
3 number of things that I was going to say, but it
4 all boils down to either repeating somebody else's.

5 what I want to point out to the planning

6 board and town board is that ever green power is
7 trying to sell you something and they're very, very
8 good at it. And they have expertise because of --
9 it's what they do that you folks do not have.

10 I am not opposed at all to you guys spending
11 money to find out what your counter proposals may
12 be. You know. If you decide that this is worth
13 it.

14 The stories from Cohocton and Ontario and so
15 forth are pretty scary. The helplessness that
16 these people feel worries me. And the fact that
17 these multinational and multibillion corporations
18 can basically ignore the complaints worries me too.

19 It's up to the planning board and town board
20 to make sure that they can't. They're trying to
21 sell you something. They're good at it. Get the
22 help you need to make sure your counter proposal
23 and the limits to which you would go are real.

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1 And if they prove what they're saying proves
2 to be false, there's got to be a way to shut this
3 thing down and it's got to be in your hands not
4 their's because they won't. That's about it.
5 Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRMAN: I guess he was correct. Now, at
7 this time because there is the possibility that

8 people came in after we started, is there anyone
9 here that has not spoke who would like to?
10 okay. what I'd like you to do is print your
11 name on here and then we can continue.

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STATEMENT OF ROBERT GROELE

14 4020 Mediterranean Driver, Allegany, NY 14706

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16 MR. GROELE: Hi. My name is Robert Groele.
17 That's G-R-O-E-L-E. I've been a resident of
18 Allegany for 11 years. I work as an engineer in
19 Olean. I just wanted to say I'm against this
20 project. I just had three quick points I wanted to
21 make.

22 Number one, sound is always relative to the
23 background level of sound. For example, a dripping

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1 faucet may be less than 40 decibels, but if you're
2 listening to it at night, it keeps you awake,
3 you're going to notice it, it's going to effect
4 your life, effect your sleep, your health and your
5 performance of work the next day.

6 Second point I wanted to make is that
7 perception of sound is relative to the expectation
8 of the listener. For example, you may turn on your
9 radio at 40 decibels and you can listen to either
10 Mozart or Metallica. One of them you might enjoy,

11 the other one might make you vomit.

12 The third point I wanted to make has to do
13 with low frequency sound. In addition to working
14 as a unlicensed engineer, I am also an amateur
15 musician and a hack. I play bass guitar and
16 everyone who has listened to a Polka band knows
17 that low frequency sound effects your body as much
18 as it does your ears.

19 I want to make a quick demonstration. I was
20 going to pick Mr. Miller here, but he's busy. I'll
21 pick the big guy here. I'm going to play the
22 part of the CEO of the EverPower Corporation and
23 I'm going to pick on the little guy in Allegany.

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1 If I was to punch that guy in the chest,
2 that should be a crime, shouldn't it? What if I
3 don't hit him that hard? Did that hurt? No, it
4 did not hurt him. Was it annoying? Maybe a little
5 bit.

6 But what if I hit him less hard? I can hit
7 him soft enough that he might not even know, but
8 imagine I'm going to do this 10,000 times a day,
9 everyday, as long as he lives or until he moves out
10 of Allegany. That may not be a crime, but it's
11 wrong and that's what this corporation and these
12 turbines are going to do to everyone in this

13 community.

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STATEMENT OF RAY MOSMAN

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1064 Chipmonk Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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MR. MOSMAN: Hello. My name is Ray Mosman.

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I live up on Chipmonk. My wife at the beginning of

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the meeting gave you a photograph. I would just

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like to tell you that photograph is from my back

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porch. That is what we wake up to every morning.

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This is what we like to do and see.

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And I'm just telling you if any of the town

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board or the planning board would like to come up

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on my deck and look at the view and talk, go for

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it. Thank you.

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MS. KIBLER: Steve O'Dell.

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STATEMENT OF STEVE O'DELL

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2690 Route 394, Ashville, NY 14710

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MR. STEVE O'DELL: My name is Steve O'Dell

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and I don't live in Allegany or Chipmonk or

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anywhere else near here. But I've been coming here

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for 44 years with my family. And the whole

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opportunity of coming here and visiting our family

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farm and what it means to both me, my siblings and

16 our kids is I'm always reflected to getting away
17 from the immense amount of pressure and life-style
18 associated with when you move out of a place like
19 this.

20 And you always dream about coming back and
21 celebrating the times that your family had here and
22 in the environment that they have here.

23 Since I was a kid this is the place that I

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1 sleep the best. I mean, every single time I come
2 to visit, this is the place that I sleep the most
3 sound. The nights are just dead silent other than
4 the nature, the natural sounds.

5 And to think now that there's an opportunity
6 that my kids won't be able to enjoy that just
7 purely because of money for 10 years -- money for
8 10 years, seems like quite a disgrace to what we're
9 going to do for our future generations.

10 I'm very proud to have the young lady here
11 speak representing the younger generations of these
12 things, the wind turbines, that are going to be
13 there long after we're gone.

14 And it won't be just to 29. There will be a
15 lot more than that. And to know that there will be
16 no impact whatsoever on the use of fossil fuels or
17 the electricity utilization throughout the world.

18 It's kind of a disgrace that we're going to do that
19 all for money.

20 So as you think about this and review all of
21 the information that you get from both sides, think
22 passed the 10 years, think passed, you know, the
23 fact that you're getting money for 10 years.

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1 It's about the generations that are going to
2 take advantage of the beauty of the Enchanted
3 Mountains of Allegany. Thank you.

4 MS. KIBLER: Robin Porterfield.

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6 STATEMENT OF ROBIN PORTERFIELD
7 3887 West Branch Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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9 MS. POTERFIELD: My name is Robin
10 Porterfield. We have been in Allegany for about 13
11 years now. My husband and I, we're originally from
12 Pennsylvania. And when he finished school, we had
13 many places we could have chose. We came here and
14 fell in the love with the landscape. I mean, it is
15 the beauty of the place. So we're very sad to hear
16 that these wind turbines may go up.

17 Again, I want to stress, you know, I think
18 green is good. We recycle. And there are places
19 for these turbines. Allegany is in the place, not
20 with the residences right next to it. There are

21 many places that would be better appropriate.

22 And the fact that, you know, we're

23 conveniently located next to lines that would make

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1 it easier for this company is not a good reason to
2 do it. It really isn't.

3 Since I came 12 years ago, I have been
4 involved in the hospital recruiting program so they
5 ask me to come and meet with incoming physicians,
6 nurses people that they're trying to get to the
7 hospital. Because I have five children here and we
8 love it. We absolutely love this area. But we
9 love it for the beauty and the landscape. This
10 will totally destroy it.

11 And when we bring people in, you know, it's
12 hard to get people to come in, physicians to come
13 to New York State because of the tax base that we
14 have here.

15 But then you have small little Olean.
16 Allegany and Olean, these rural communities.
17 Sometimes we need to convince these people and our
18 landscape does that.

19 If I can count the number of people that
20 have decided to stay based on the beauty of our
21 land, and as Mr. Napoleon pointed out, in all of
22 our brochures that we hand out, it talks about the

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23 Enchanted Mountains. The landscape here is what

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1 convinced a lot of these people to stay.

2 You know what, we have Buffalo, Rochester,
3 Pittsburgh, many cities that these people can
4 travel to, but they don't have the views and all
5 the stuff that this small community and the beauty
6 that we have here. All right. Thank you.

7 MS. KIBLER: DB Busan.

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9 STATEMENT OF DB BUSAN

10 3220 McClure Hollow Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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12 MS. BUSAN: I got here a little bit late so
13 if I repeat what somebody else said, which I
14 probably will because we all love this place and
15 it's for all the same reasons, I apologize for any
16 redundants.

17 My husband and I also are residents here by
18 choice. And we actually lived in the big city of
19 Olean and then seven years ago said that was too
20 metropolitan for us so we went to Allegany.

21 We went so far as to build a house in the
22 woods. We don't have cell service. We don't have
23 high-speed Internet. We don't have cable. We had

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1 to install our own septic system. We had to bring
2 in the electric. We had to put in propane tanks.
3 We had to do everything so we could live out in the
4 woods and we did that willingly because it's the
5 most beautiful place. Our granddaughter refers to
6 Nana and Papa's lovely forest and she likes to walk
7 with us.

8 Today I was walking my dog down the road and
9 I was watching the cows and I saw the hawks and I
10 was reminded of the song from Oklahoma where the
11 hawks are making lazy circles in the sky. And the
12 next line says you know we belong to the land and
13 the land we belong to is grand. And it is and we
14 need to keep it grand.

15 And just one technical thing, Bob and I were
16 driving, I think it was in Pennsylvania, and coming
17 up behind us was what we had never seen before. It
18 was a truck, tractor trailer and as it went passed
19 it was a tractor trailer, trailer, trailer,
20 trailer. There were four trailers. And friends
21 and neighbors, on the four trailers was one blade.
22 That's how big they are. This doesn't do it
23 justice.

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1 So please when you're making your decision,
2 just remember what we really, really have here is
3 such a treasure. And we love it. And I know you
4 do to too. Thank you.

5 MS. KIBLER: Melanie Napoleon.

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7 STATEMENT OF MELANIE NAPOLEON
8 3835 West Branch Road, Allegany, NY 14706

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10 MELANIE NAPOLEON: Good evening. My name is
11 Melanie Napoleon. My husband spoke earlier. I
12 would like to just reiterate some things.

13 I am not a resident -- I was not originally
14 born here, but I did marry Chris 14 years ago and
15 when I came to the West Branch, I fell in love with
16 it.

17 I had the opportunity to spend two years of
18 my life in college in Switzerland with the Alps
19 surrounding me and the Jura Mountains. And when I
20 walk up that road, that's exactly where I feel I'm
21 at. And if you've never had the opportunity to
22 travel, that's exactly what I feel.

23 I wanted to bring to your attention that

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1 there are better places to put these turbines.

2 Saying no to turbines does not make you
3 un-American. It does not mean that we do not want
4 to go green. It is simply not a good place here in
5 our beautiful hills.

6 Roscoe, Texas is the home of the largest
7 wind farm in the world, 627 turbines. The
8 landscape and transmission of powers in areas like
9 this is far more efficient than in our area. Why
10 were chosen? Because it's convenient to the lines
11 and this is not a good reason to destroy our
12 Enchanted Mountains.

13 Why is EverPower knocking at our door?
14 Because it's a competitive business for the land.
15 And grant moneys even with our high infrastructure
16 that will be required for this farm, EverPower can
17 still generate profits through federal grants. At
18 whose expense? Our expense. And a significant
19 permanent negative visual impact on our region that
20 is not consistent with our mission.

21 I don't know if you looked at this wall, but
22 it looked a heck of a lot better without than with
23 those windmills there now. Look at it. This is

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1 what we painted on the wall because this is who we
2 are.

3 I wanted to bring out a point that when

4 Applebee's came to the area looking to build a
5 restaurant, they wanted to put up a 120 foot sign
6 so it could be seen from afar. That request was
7 quickly rejected as not being consistent with what
8 we wanted for our community.

9 But we're willing to put up a 500 foot tall
10 turbine. You have a much taller task ahead of you,
11 ladies and gentlemen. And so I hope you have
12 listened to everyone here. I ask you, are you
13 prepared to be the leaders who change who we are?
14 This is not who we are. That hill over there,
15 that's who we are.

16 So are you prepared to take on that mission?
17 Our community leaders are clear on who we are. Are
18 you? Thank you.

19 MS. KIBLER: Bruce Silvers.

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21 STATEMENT OF BRUCE SILVERS
22 3840 West Branch Road, Allegany, NY 14706
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1 MR. SILVERS: Hi. I'm Bruce Silvers. My
2 wife Deb and I live on the West Branch and we have
3 two young children, so we waited later in life to
4 start our family. And it -- having children
5 changes your perspective.

6 Time goes much faster than before. I think

7 we can all agree on that. I was thinking how long
8 ago was it that I graduated and I was like oh my,
9 God, it was 28 years ago.

10 I think judging by the people in here, no
11 offense, I think lots of you can relate. Okay. It
12 goes by fast. And when I hear these -- you know.
13 This project and, you know, you've got this 10
14 years of benefits and 20 year life span of these
15 wind turbines, that to me isn't a long time. And
16 I'm looking for my children's future.

17 And one thing that I'm a little concerned
18 about is somebody brought up a fact that there's a
19 lot of misinformation. Well, I've looked up things
20 from Scientific American. That's not
21 misinformation. You know.

22 we're talking about not only our concerns
23 for ourselves, but, you know, you've got birds of

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1 prey that can get killed. You have bats' lungs
2 exploding when they get behind the turbines because
3 of the low pressure. And when the bats go, the
4 insects go up. And it's not a just a regional
5 problem. It's not just our backyard. It's
6 everywhere. They migrate, they go down to Mexico.

7 This is a new industry. You are going to
8 see a lot more in the whole country, not just here.

9 And I've never heard anybody saying anything
10 about the video that's on You Tube about a wind
11 turbine exploding. Okay. They don't just rust.
12 You know. After -- you've got one or two people
13 that work for this company full-time here and what
14 happens after the braking system fails? You've
15 got a 160 foot rotor. Okay. You've got three of
16 them, you have the generator behind it and the
17 tower. That can all explode.

18 You can all look at that on the Internet
19 tonight. Just watch the video of one in Denmark
20 that exploded.

21 It's not the only case. There's one in
22 California that did the same thing. They had to
23 shut down the whole highway system.

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1 The company might say, well, that's rare.
2 It's rare because this is such a new industry.
3 wait until we have a lot more.

4 I don't want my kids up in the woods and
5 have -- you know. Some of you might say there's
6 not enough wind for this, then why is the company
7 coming in? Okay.

8 During a storm if that braking system fails,
9 you're going to see it explode. Parts can go as
10 far as a mile. I don't want to see that happen.
11 Thank you.

12 MS. KIBLER: Frank Tripodi.

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14 STATEMENT OF FRAN TRIPODI

15 181 Lawson Road, Knapp Creek, Olean, NY 14760

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17 MR. TRIPODI: My name is Fran Tripodi. I

18 live on Lawson Road in Knapp Creek.

19 I have a petition signed here by a great

20 majority of the residents of Knapp Creek in

21 opposition of the EverPower wind farm for basic

22 reasons this petition was drawn up for.

23 First one was it will not lower our electric

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1 bill without any -- with our residents not

2 receiving any benefits from it, from the

3 electricity.

4 It will not contribute on our local tax base

5 for more than the allotted times than are actually

6 discussed here. And may in fact result in the

7 lower property values.

8 And thirdly, the tax payers subsidies far

9 outweigh the proposed benefits of the wind farm

10 itself.

11 The petition has been signed, like I said,

12 by a great majority of the people in Knapp Creek

13 and will be presented to you folks after.

14 Real quick, show of hands, how many people
15 are for the wind farm? How many are opposed? It
16 looks like a majority to me.

17 CHAIRMAN: Okay. With that I'll ask one
18 last time. Is there anyone else that wishes to
19 speak?

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21 STATEMENT OF DAVID MCCANN
22 96 Indian Creek, Eldred, PA 16731

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1 MR. MCCANN: My name is David McCann and I'm
2 a resident of Pennsylvania. I live just on the
3 other side of this hill all you people are talking
4 about. We're a forgotten sector of this proposed
5 wind farm. I can throw a snowball from my house to
6 Knapp Creek. I live east of here. We have the
7 prevailing westerlies. I'm going to get all that
8 noise carried my way.

9 And I cannot say anymore than what's been
10 said here tonight. But I wish the planning board
11 and the town fathers here in Allegany -- Webster
12 has got many terminologies in their dictionary that
13 can be said here, but what I'm going to say here is
14 not very pleasant, it's not very pleasing, but I
15 just hope these people don't shit on their citizens
16 who oppose this because they can be voted out of

17 office, but they still have to face these people
18 years down the road whether they've been voted out
19 or not. And I just hope that they take your
20 concerns into consideration and listen to them.
21 Thanks.

22 MS. KIBLER: Hal Jacobi.
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1 STATEMENT OF HAL JACOBI
2 253 Hamilton Avenue, Olean, NY 14760
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4 MR. JACOBI: My name is Hal Jacobi. I grew
5 up in the Pittsburgh area. I came up here in 1946
6 right after the war was over. Pittsburgh was still
7 rolling from the war efforts. Right. Black. I
8 didn't know any different. I thought that's the
9 way it is.
10 we came up here. I came up with my good
11 buddy and we came to Clark Brothers and I took a
12 job. And we stayed at a -- in those days it was a
13 tourist home. You don't have them anymore. Stayed
14 down there on East State Street with Timmy's.
15 we walked along East State Street. I would
16 run my finger along the window sill on the -- it
17 was Olean wholesale or something. One of those.
18 There wasn't any dirt. I couldn't believe it.

19 So we came. I took the job. Worked at
20 Dresser for 39 years. I'm an engineer. I got
21 through it somehow.
22 My wife and I, we married in '48 finally
23 ended up on Hamilton Avenue in Olean. We can see

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1 quite a ways around here.
2 When the foundry from Dresser, Clark
3 Brothers at that time, blew up there, you knew not
4 to hang out the wash.
5 well, now there's not any foundries. It's
6 much nicer. We can see everything nicely. We'd
7 like to have it stay that way.
8 Now, wind, it's free. It seems good. It
9 feels green. I mean, there's power for nothing.
10 You know. Why not use it? But there's a hitch.
11 In their infinite wisdom, the government has
12 put subsidies in there to induce people to invest
13 in that kind of thing. So these investment
14 outfits, they aren't from here. They aren't even
15 engineers. They're nothing. They're prospectors.
16 They smell that money. They smell money. They're
17 getting paid. They're getting paid whether that
18 damn things run or not. What about that?
19 For us to live with that junk up there
20 that's going to rust. The guys are gone. The guys
21 putting it up are gone. The guys that dug the

22 holes up there, everyone of those posts up there
23 for what? Finally it will just sit there, not do

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1 anybody any damn good.

2 You can put it in Texas, put it in the
3 middle of Kansas. I've driven in the middle of
4 Texas. There's nothing for miles. Good. The only
5 problem is there are no power lines. See. See.
6 So that's why we're suckers if we let them come
7 here. So don't do it please.

8 CHAIRMAN: The planning board would like to
9 thank everybody for your comments and your input.
10 At this time I going to ask for a motion to
11 adjourn.

12 MR. KAVANAGH: I will make a motion at this
13 time that we adjourn our April 21st planning board
14 special meeting for the public hearing for the wind
15 power project.

16 CHAIRMAN: I need a second.

17 MR. DeFIORE: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

19 FROM THE BOARD: I.

20 CHAIRMAN: we will be accepting written
21 comments until May 3rd. If anyone is interested,
22 you have until May 3rd to submit anything you would
23 like.

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1 Thank you for coming this evening.
2 (Public Hearing concluded at 9:04 p.m.)

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