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Please see enclosed based on your meeting today with Representative Seitz. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Sam,

Thank you for all of this information. I will pass this along to the Representative and share his thoughts with you all.

Best,

Jimmy

From: Randazzo, Sam [mailto:sam@mwncmh.com]
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Jimmy, thanks for resending this draft amendment.

As I mentioned during the meeting yesterday, the OPSB has refused to specify parameters necessary to apply the minimum setback measurement specifications.

More specifically, current law states that all owners of property adjoining the "wind farm property" can permit a wind farm developer to evade the minimum setbacks by executing a waiver pursuant to a procedure the OPSB must establish by rule. The application of this waiver opportunity requires a definition of "wind farm property" but the OPSB has refused to offer such a definition despite requests that it do so. And, the OPSB has failed (over objections) to adopt the required rule establishing the procedure by which such waivers must be obtained. Additionally, the OPSB has refused to specify the adjoining property owners that must execute such a waiver before a wind farm developer can evade the minimum setback requirements.

The combined consequences of these things leave non-participating property owners unnecessarily confused about whether they are in the population that must execute a waiver and scared about how their lives and property may be negatively affected by the ambitions of heavily subsidized wind farm developers.

For Representative Seitz's consideration and in view of the above observations, I suggest the following additions to the draft amendment:

- (1) Define "wind farm property". This can be done by reference to the OPSB's definition of "project area" – something that a wind farm developer must specifically identify in the application for a certificate.
- (2) Require a wind farm developer to submit, with the certificate application, any and all adjoining property owner waivers (obtained pursuant to the rule established by the OPSB) that the developer has secured for the purpose of evading the minimum setback requirements – similar

in purpose to requiring a developer to obtain lesser setback authority from a township before seeking such setbacks from the OPSB.

Similar to the picture provided by Kevon, below is an illustration showing the wind turbines that a developer is proposing to erect in and around Greenwich, Ohio (Huron County). The illustration was submitted by the wind farm developer. The nearest turbin to the house in the picture (non-participating property owner's house) is about .8 miles away with seven turbine towers viewable from this location.

For what it may be worth, the OPSB issued a certificate to this developer despite the fact that 65% of the proposed turbines violate the lesser minimum setback requirements that were in effect when the certificate application was filed. At the time, the minimum property line setback was about 590 feet and, again, 65% of the proposed locations were closer than 590 feet from the property line. And should anyone might think that being closer than 590 feet from the adjoining property line might be prudent, the saftey manual for the turbine manufacture contained the following warning (direct quote) regarding fire risk:



FALLING TURBINE PARTS

In case of a fire in the nacelle or on the rotor, parts may fall off the wind turbine.

In case of a fire, nobody is permitted within a radius of 500 m [1640 feet] from the turbine.