

CASE NO. 696-S-11

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

September 8, 2011

Champaign
County
Department of

**PLANNING &
ZONING**

Brookens
Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington Street
Urbana, Illinois 61802

(217) 384-3708

Petitioners: California Ridge Wind Energy LLC and the participating landowners listed in the attached legal advertisement. California Ridge Wind Energy LLC is wholly owned by Invenergy Wind North America LLC, One South Wacker Drive, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60606, with corporate officers as listed in the attached legal advertisement.

Request: Authorize a Wind Farm which consists of 30 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) in total with a total nameplate capacity of 48 megawatts (MW) of which 28 Wind Farm Towers with a total nameplate capacity of 45 MW are proposed in Compromise Township (Part A) and 2 Wind Farm Towers with a total nameplate capacity of 3 MW are proposed in Ogden Township (Part B), and including access roads, wiring, and public road improvements, and including the waivers of standard conditions in Section 6.1.4 as listed in the attached legal advertisement.

Location: In Compromise Township the following sections are included with exceptions as described in the attached legal advertisement:

- Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of T21N, R14W of the 2nd P.M.,
- Sections 24, 25, and 36 of T21N, R10E of the 3rd P.M.,
- Fractional Sections 30 and 31 of T21N, R11E, of the 3rd P.M.

In Ogden Township the following sections are included with exceptions as described in the attached legal advertisement:

- Fractional Section 6, T20N, R11E of the 3rd P.M.,
- Fractional Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of T20N, R14W of the 2nd P.M.,
- Sections 8, 9, and 16 of T20N, R14W of the 2nd P.M.

Site Area: Approximately 10,193 acres

Time Schedule for Development: Fall 2011

Prepared by: John Hall
Zoning Administrator

STATUS

This case was continued from the September 1, 2011, meeting. The minutes of that meeting are included separately for approval at the next meeting (September 29, 2011).

An email was received from Mary L. Mann, 2778 CR2550N, Penfield to Stan James, Champaign County Board member from District 3. On the Champaign County Non-Participating Dwelling Separation Summary map received July 29, 2011, the Mann residence appears to be at least 1,500 feet from the nearest wind farm turbine towers (turbines 26 and 27) which exceeds any minimum separation in the Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Public Notice (modified legal advertisement) for Case 696-S-11 Parts A and B dated August 17, 2011
- B Email from Mary L. Mann, 2778 CR2550N, Penfield to Stan James, Champaign County Board member from District 3
- C Draft minutes of public hearing on September 1, 2011 (included separately)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARD TO A COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

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California Ridge Wind Energy LLC and the participating landowners listed below have filed a petition for a Special Use Permit under the provisions of the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance on property in unincorporated Champaign County. The petition is on file in the office of the Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, IL.

California Ridge Wind Energy LLC is wholly owned by Invenergy Wind North America LLC, One South Wacker Drive, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60606, with President, Michael Polsky; Vice President, James Murphy; Vice-President, Bryan Schueler; Vice-President, James Shield; Vice-President, Kevin Parzyck; Secretary, Joseph Condo, all with offices at One South Wacker Drive, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60606.

A public hearing will be held **Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** prevailing time in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana, IL, at which time and place the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals will consider a petition to:

Authorize a Wind Farm which consists of 30 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) in total with a total nameplate capacity of 48 megawatts (MW) of which 28 Wind Farm Towers with a total nameplate capacity of 45 MW are proposed in Compromise Township (Part A) and 2 Wind Farm Towers with a total nameplate capacity of 3 MW are proposed in Ogden Township (Part B), and including access roads, wiring, and public road improvements, and including waivers of standard conditions as listed below, on the following properties in Compromise Township (Part A) and Ogden Township (Part B) in Champaign County, Illinois:

PART A COMPROMISE TOWNSHIP

Section 19, T21N, R14W of the 2nd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Section 19, with exceptions. A total of 6 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) are proposed in Section 19 as follows:

- 2 Wind Farm Towers are proposed in the Northwest Quarter of Section 19 on a 209.15 acre tract owned by G & E Farms, Inc., POB 35, Gifford, IL 61847-0335;
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed in the Northeast Quarter of Section 19 on a 66 acre tract owned by William Pflugmacher, 333 Eiler Drive, Gifford, IL 61847-9727;
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed in the Northeast Quarter of Section 19 on a 65.63 acre tract owned by Eric Suits, 2655 CR 2600E, Penfield, IL 61862;
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19 on a 30 acre parcel owned by Louise Fruhling, 31361 N 750 East Rd, Potomac, IL 61865-6601;
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed in the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19 on an 80 acre parcel owned by Loretta Fruhling/ Fruhling Family Trust, 388 Gibbs Drive, Rantoul, IL 61866

Other participating landowners in Section 19 are the following:
John Fruhling, 2499 CR 2600N, Penfield, IL 61862

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Roy and Barbara Johnson, 2640 CR 2500E, Penfield, IL 61862
Robert and Dorene Pflugmacher, 866E CR 2250N, Ogden, IL 61859-9602
Greg Frerichs, 2506 CR2300N, Ogden IL 61859

Section 20, T21N, R14W of the 2nd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes an 80 acre tract of land in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20 and an 80 acre tract of land in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20 and a 157.98 acre tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 20. Participating landowners in Section 20 are the following:

Michael Babb, 2635 CR 2700E, Penfield, IL 61862
Marsha Gates, POB 704, Tolono, IL 61880
G & E Farms, Inc., 502 S. Main St. POB 35, Gifford, IL 61847-9713

Section 21, T21N, R14W of the 2nd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes the Southwest Quarter of Section 21. Participating landowners in Section 21 are the following:

Derald and Florene Ackerman, 519 South Main Street, Gifford, IL 61847-9713
Kenneth and Rosetta Suits, 2738 CR 2600N, Penfield, IL 61862
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Section 24, T21N, R10E of the 3rd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes the South Third of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter. Participating landowners in Section 24 are the following:

Derald and Florene Ackerman, 519 South Main Street, Gifford, IL 61847-9713
Kenneth and Rosetta Suits, 2738 CR 2600N, Penfield, IL 61862

Section 25, T21N, R10E of the 3rd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Section 25 with exceptions. A total of 2 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) are proposed in Section 25 as follows:

- 2 Wind Farm Towers are proposed on an 80 acre parcel in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25 on land owned by the Mary Ruth Elfe Revocable Trust and Charlotte R. Van Blokland Trust, aka Tate Farm #3/Busey Ag Services, 3002 West Windsor Road, Champaign, IL 61822

Other participating landowners in Section 25 are the following:

Russell and Marilyn Buhr, 2594 CR 2300E, Gifford, IL 61847-9740
Vernon and Wilma Buhr, 2152 CR 2400N, St. Joseph, IL 61873
Luella Busboom, 2258 CR 2500N, St. Joseph, IL 61873
Maury Busboom, POB 131, Royal, IL 61871
Roger and Betty Gronewald, 508 E Main POB 117, Royal, IL 61871
Erna Hinrichs, 1037 Englewood Drive, Rantoul IL 61866
Darrell and Marilyn Mennenga, 5205 Beech Ridge Road, Nashville, TN 37221
David and Danita Uken, 2146 CR 2100N, St. Joseph, IL 61873

Section 28, T21N, R14W of the 2nd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Section 28 with exceptions. A total of 3 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) are proposed in Section 28 as follows:

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- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 62.54 acre parcel in the Northeast Quarter of Section 28 on land owned by Kenneth Suits, 2738 CR 2600N, Penfield, IL 61862
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on an 80 acre parcel being the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28 on land owned by Michael O'Neill, POB 236, Philo, IL 61864
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 70.26 acre parcel in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28 on land owned by Roy and Barbara Johnson, 2640 CR 2500E, Penfield, IL 61862

Other participating landowners in Section 28 are the following:

Michelle Babb, 2635 CR 2700E, Penfield, IL 61862

Alice Buck c/o Steve Buck, 609 Bayshore Drive, #9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

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Alice Cain Heirs c/o Steve Cain, POB 103, Philo, IL 61864

Gary Hovel, 2518 CR 2600E, Penfield, IL

Claas Hovel, 2971 CR 2700E, Penfield, IL

Jeffrey Suits, 2500 CR 2500N, Penfield, IL 61862

Union Pacific Railroad, 1400 Douglas, Stop 1640, Omaha, NE 68179

Section 29, T22N, R14W of the 2nd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Section 29, with exceptions. One Wind Farm Tower (wind turbine) is proposed in Section 29 as follows:

- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 75 acre tract in the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29 on land owned by Velma Werner, 312 Penny Lane, Peotone, IL 60460

Other participating landowners in Section 29 are the following:

Albers Family c/o Anna J. King, POB 562, St. Joseph, IL 61872

Dick Albers, POB 103, Royal, IL 61871

Thomas and Barbara Buck, 2321 CR 2900N, Gifford, IL 61847

Bruinius Family Limited Partnership, 7723 W. Stuenkel Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423

Franzen Family Living Trust, 861 CR 900E, Tolono, IL 61880

Edgar and Susan Hovel, 408 Moraine Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866

Gary Hovel, 2518 CR 2600E, Penfield, IL 61862

Kenneth and Barbara Suits, 2738 CR 2600N, Penfield, IL 61862

Fractional Section 30, T21N, R11E, of the 3rd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Fractional Section 30, with exceptions. A total of 5 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) are proposed in Fractional Section 30 as follows:

- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 60.86 acre parcel in the North Half of the South Half of Fractional Section 30 on land owned by Kay and John Fiscus, 105 Thomas Dr., St. Joseph, IL 61873
- 2 Wind Farm Towers are proposed on an 80 acre tract in the Southwest Quarter of Fractional Section 30 on land owned by Annette Brya Edwards c/o Busey Bank Ag Services, POB 107, Leroy, IL 61752
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 62.66 acre parcel in the East Half of Fractional Section 30 on land owned by Marvin and Pamela Ideus, 401 Eden Park Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866

- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on an 80 acre parcel being the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31 on land owned by the LaVeda Pollack Trust c/o Kalin Krueger, 2200 CR 2000E, Penfield, IL 61862
- Other participating landowners in this Section 31 are the following:
- Larry Freeman, 2200 CR 2500E, Penfield, IL 61862
 - Evelyn Smith, 223 CR 2000E, Urbana, IL 61802
 - Carl and Barbara Uecker, 1112 Bankview Dr., Joliet, IL 60431

Section 32 321E, 1/4W of the 2nd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Section 32 except a 1.10 acre tract of land located in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32. Participating landowners in Section 32 are the following:

- Brian Long, 2200 CR 2500N, Ogden, IL 61859
- Illini FS, 1150 University Avenue, Urbana, IL 61802
- Union Pacific Railroad, 11400 Douglas, Stop 1640, Omaha, NE 61879
- Wendy D. Scherren, 1111 West 50th St., Danville, IL 61832
- Arnold & Sons Farms, Inc., c/o The Farmers' Union of America, 2654 CR 2400N, Ogden, IL 61859

Section 33 321N, 1/4W of the 2nd P.M., Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Section 33, with exceptions. A total of 3 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) are proposed in this Section 33 as follows:

- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 40 acre parcel being the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33 on land owned by Robert Long, Pearl St., Bluffs, IL 61820
 - 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 77.04 acre parcel in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33 on land owned by Roger N. Carter, 2562 CR 3000N, Penfield, IL 61862
 - 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on an 80 acre parcel being the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33 on land owned by Harold and Darlene Hovel, POB 134, Bluffs, IL 61820
- Other participating landowners in Section 33 are the following:
- Michael J. Gile, 2792 CR 2000N, Penfield, IL 61862
 - Thomas J. Beveridge, 2008 Naples Court., Champaign, IL 61822
 - Dennis J. Van Lier, c/o The Farmers' Union of America, 18877 Medford, Beverly Hill, MI 48025

Section 36 321N, 1/4E, Compromise Township. The Special Use Permit includes all of Section 36 except the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36 and the Southwest Quarter of Section 36. A total of 3 Wind Farm Towers (wind turbines) are proposed in this Section 36 as follows:

- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 70 acre parcel in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36 on land owned by Earl and Delores Ideus, 508 N. West St., Gifford, IL 61847
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 50 acre parcel in the North Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36 on land owned by Royce and Shauna Ideus, 2229 CR 2000N, Gifford, IL 61847
- 1 Wind Farm Tower is proposed on a 157 acre parcel in the Southeast Quarter of Section 36 on land owned by Judith, Leroy and Bonita Kopmann, POB 7, Royal, IL 61871

Other participating landowners in Section 36 are the following:
 Leroy and Anita Lamm Trust, 117 Susan Drive, Dwight, IL 60420

PART B. DENISE WNSHIRE

Fractional Section T2072, R11E of the 3rd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes Fractional Section 6 except the Fractional Northwest Quarter of Fractional Section 6 and except the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Fractional Section 6 and except the Northeast Fractional Quarter of Fractional Section 6. Participating landowners in Fractional Section 6 are the following:
 Delores Farm, Trustee, POB 87, Royal, IL 61871
 Mildred Lehman, c/o Laveda Clem, 1982 CR 2100N, Urbana, IL 61822
 Herbert and Betty Corburn, 12 Benjamin Street, Royal, IL 61871

Fractional Section T2072, S14W of the 2nd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes all Fractional Section 6, with exceptions. One Wind Farm Tower (wind turbine) is proposed on Fractional Section 6 as follows:
 • One tower is proposed on an 83.84 acre tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Fractional Section 6 on land owned by Sylvia Flessner-Fulk, POB 837, St. Joseph, IL

Other participating landowners in Fractional Section 6 are the following:
 Darcia and Roy McCarty, 1113 Ascot Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866
 Kristi and Roy McCarty, 1113 Ascot Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866
 Neil and Roy McCarty, 1113 Ascot Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866
 Mary Ann McCarty, 1113 Ascot Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866
 Marshall and Ann Arms, 2592 CR 2105N, St. Joseph, IL 61873
 Gene and Ann Corburn, Livedale Trust c/o Julie Carlson, 3828 East Whipporwhill Lane, Byron IL 61010
 Reka and Alan Gifford, 1300 S. Apt. 203, Gifford, IL 61847
 Wayne and Julie Gifford, 2544 CR 2400N, Ogden, IL 61859

Fractional Section T2072, S14W of the 2nd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes all Fractional Section 5, with exceptions. One Wind Farm Tower (wind turbine) is proposed on a 3.10 acre parcel in the Fractional North Half of Fractional Section 5 on land owned by Mark Loschen, 2455 CR 2050N, St. Joseph, IL

Other participating landowners in Fractional Section 5 are the following:
 Ann and Alan Gifford, 1300 S. Apt. 107, Gifford, IL 61847
 Alon and Ann Gifford, c/o J. Lutz, POB 562, St. Joseph, IL 61872
 Douglas and Cheryl Gifford, 2544 CR 2400N, Ogden, IL 61859
 Ann and Alan Gifford, 2654 CR200N, Ogden IL 61859
 Gene and Ann Corburn, Julie Carlson, 3828 East Whipporwhill Lane, Byron IL 61010
 Wayne and Julie Gifford, 2544 CR 2400N, Ogden, IL 61859
 Dan and Ann Gifford, 1401 Klak Ave, Morris, IL 60450

Fractional Section 4, T20N, R280W of the 2nd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes 3 acres of land located in the West Half of the West Half of Fractional Section 4 and a 60 acre tract of land located in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Fractional Section 4. Participating landowners in Fractional Section 4 are the following:
 Ine... R 280... Ogden, IL 61859
 John... Living Trusts, c/o Judith Ludwig Gorham, 409 N. Cherry St., Galesburg, IL 61601

Fractional Section 7, T20N, R280W of the 2nd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes 60 acres of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Fractional Section 7, with exceptions and a 60 acre tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Fractional Section 7. Participating landowners in Fractional Section 7 are the following:
 Verne... R 280... St. Joseph, IL 61873
 Lou... R 260... Ogden, IL 61859

Section 8, T20N, R280W of the 2nd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes all land in the West Half of Section 8 and 60.85 acres in the East Half of Section 8. Participating landowners in Section 8 are the following:
 Al... B 200... Roadlands, IL 61816
 John... Living Trust, c/o Judith Ludwig Gorham, 409 N. Cherry St., Galesburg, IL 61601
 Jill... R 215... Ogden, IL 61859
 Ray... R 180... Ogden, IL 61859
 Uncle... R 140... Stop... Omaha, NE 68179

Section 9, T20N, R280W of the 2nd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes the Northeast Quarter of Section 9 and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9 and 60 acres of land in the South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9 and the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9. Participating landowners in Section 9 are the following:
 Robert... and Alsina Family Trust, c/o Robert P. Scott, 107 Arrowhead Lane, Haines City, FL 33906
 Robert... Trust, c/o McKinley... Gilford, IL 60953
 Busb... Trust c/o... and Bill... Busboom, 2756 CR 2200N, Ogden, IL 61859

Section 16, T20N, R280W of the 2nd P.M., Ogden Township. The Special Use Permit includes 80 acres of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 16. Participating landowners in Section 16 are the following:
 Catherine... Helen... 206 Ridge... St., Danville, IL 61832.
 Catherine... Helen... 206 Ridge... St., Danville, IL 61832.
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Waivers of standard... Section 4... require... follows:

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1. Waive the standard minimum of 6.1.1.1 (a) that requires the special use permit area to include a 100-foot buffer area for electric lines.
2. Waive the standard from the CR District of 6.1.1.1 (b) that requires a wind farm to be a minimum of one mile from the CR District.
3. Waive the standard of all private utility lines of 6.1.1.2 and 6.1.1.3 that require the application to include copies of wind farm plans.
4. Waive the standard Underwriters Laboratories (UL) of 6.1.1.10 (a) that requires certificates of design compliance from UL or equivalent third party.
5. Waive the standard of 6.1.1.11 that requires wind farm towers to be protected by non-climbing devices at the base.
6. Waive the standard Agreement of 6.1.1.12 that requires a signed Roadway Upgrade and Maintenance Agreement of the applicant to be filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals.
7. Waive the standard Bureau of Highway Safety of 6.1.1.13 that requires street upgrades be in accordance with IDOT standards, 2008 edition.
8. Waive the standard farm to be in accordance with the Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations at the residential property line rather than the setback distance from the dwelling.
9. Waive the standard Action Report of 6.1.1.14 that requires the application to contain a copy of the Agency Report of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Endangered Species Program.
10. Waive the standard the value of the property of 6.1.1.15 (a) that requires the applicant to gradually pay down 100% of the value of the property by placing cash deposits in an escrow account over the first 13 years of the term of the cooperative agreement.
11. Waive the standard zoning use permit of 6.1.1.18 (c) (3) that requires that locations of wind turbines for the special use permit cannot increase the noise impact over that approved in the special use permit.

All persons interested in this matter are invited to attend the hearing and be heard. The hearing may be continued and reconvened at a later date.

Eric Thorsland, Clerk
 Champaign County Board of Appeals

John Hall

Subject: RE: California Ridge Wind Farm Project residential concerns

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary L. Mann [<mailto:mmann@usd116.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 9:29 PM
To: zoningdept
Subject: FW: California Ridge Wind Farm Project residential concerns
Importance: High

Dear John,

Thank you for calling me back today. I do appreciate being invited to voice my concerns with regards to this important project. My plan is to come to your office on Thursday afternoon after work [3:30] to discuss some of my thoughts.

I have written to my 3 District Reps and have included a copy of my letter. Again, thank you for your courteous response.

Mary L. Mann

From: Mary L. Mann
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 9:17 PM
To: stanusa@frontier.com
Subject: California Ridge Wind Farm Project residential concerns

Dear Mr. James,

I own and reside year round on a 10-acre parcel of land in Champaign County. My address is 2778 CR2500N, Penfield, IL 61862.

My tax numbers for my two parcels of land are 06-12-28-400-005 and 06-12-28-400-008. It is a peaceful farm setting where I have been able to enjoy raising labrador retrievers and a herd of llamas.

My purpose in writing to you is to voice strong concerns and objection to the planned location of at least two of the wind turbines in the California Ridge Wind Farm Project. The turbines in question are proposed to be located immediately north of and west of my property at a distance that appears far too close to my residence. The proximity of the access roads to my property creates some concern also. Much of the "non-participating property" identified in this project is farmland. Why not place the turbines farther out into the fields and increase the distance from my [and other] residential property lines? While I may be surrounded by thousands of acres of land used for farming, my 10-acre farm is my private home, and I would be directly and negatively impacted by the placement of huge, multiple, imposing structures too close to my residence. Neither the Planning and Zoning Department of Champaign County nor the residents of Champaign County has any direct experience with wind turbines, or their potential problems. People like myself will be the ones to discover the problems and/or discomforts. Developers go home, city planners go home, but this IS my home and I will be remaining behind with the wind turbines. And I want to be reasonably comfortable with them.

It is my hope that the Planning and Zoning Department and the County Board will be mindful and respectful of all land use in Champaign County--land used for farming as well as land used and enjoyed as private dwellings. Surely it should be possible to modify the proposal to take into account my concerns and those of others relative to the proximity of these wind turbines next to where people have their farm residences.

I would add that I am not opposed to the project per se, but am deeply concerned about the placement of the turbines. Their intrusion should be kept to a minimum by locating them at generous distances from people living in this peaceful area.

I will be in contact with the Champaign County Planning and Zoning Department, but as a resident of District 2, I want you to be aware of my concerns also. Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Mann

Home phone: 217-595-5415, Cell phone: 217-819-9800