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TO: Rick VenVertloh, LaBella Associates
Tom Hagner, Ecogen LLC

FROM: Kathy Warren *Kathy*
Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact
Statement

DATE: April 29, 2005

Enclosed please find the comments to date on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

Thanks



From: "Riders' Rest" <ridersrest@usadatanet.net>
To: "James Sherron" <scida@empacc.net>; "Tom Hagner" <thagner@ecogenllc.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2005 10:20 PM
Subject: wind turbine noise measured from INSIDE our homes? 400 foot from prop, lines? for 437'tall commercial turbines - are you nuts?

To Ecogen Tom Hagner and SCIDA Jim Sherron
Tom,

We went to www.ecogeneisc.com for information on your wind farm proposal and to understand it before the Public Comment meeting at 7:00 PM May 23 rd at the Prattsburgh School. It will take time to go through all 1200 pages but so far the news is grim!
We see the public must submit any comment in writing (snail mail) no later than June 17th.
There is basically no mitigation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We read pages 25 (ES-6) through ES-26 and could not believe what you put out for your wind farm proposal with SCIDA's help

Also it seems (according to you) that we have no important old buildings in Prattsburgh? What about our historical buildings - Narcissa Prentiss House etc

Reviewing 3.912 through 3105.3 Mainly Health and Safety - we got mad

400 feet set back from property lines? How could ANYONE propose let alone accept 400 feet from property lines!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!The turbines are taller than 400 feet!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Then I cried.

1000 feet set back from permanent residences only!!!!!! How about Jim Sherron's residence, Mc Connell's or Kuhl's or Baccalles? Why treat the property owners of Prattsburgh - full time or part time like morons and 2nd class citizens! Do you think we're too dumb to know better? come on, Tom. Is the DEC, State and County and SCIDA really going to allow this advantage just so Ecogen's project is viable? We just can't believe it. Other developers (Springwater as an example)are proposing wind farms with decent setbacks, lower electric to host town, payment sharing to adjacent and nearby property owners in addition to leasing landowners.

Noise levels from inside your house!!!!!!!!!!!! This is just too much to deal with.

Determined by arbitrary antiquated setbacks - not noise levels at property lines!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!What the devil are you guys trying to pull?????????
You've really lost me here, measure noise from INSIDE our homes? 400 feet from property lines? 1000 feet from residences?

SCIDA and Prattsburgh Town Board have to provide for some community decision making. Site plans or no go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Not an open ended **GEIS** that leaves you (Ecogen) in the seat and getting a nod and wink from SCIDA in determining more wind towers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Are these typos by some diabolic stretch of the imagination? They must be because no sane business person backed by an even remotely honest government agency could tell us that Ecogen's proposal for Prattsburgh wind farm is reasonable.

What a let down. We should have known. Actually. a lot of people did. We just hoped for SOME semblance of honesty, good reasoning and fair play. Prattsburgh people with an IQ above 45 will NEVER accept this. Why would even leasing landowners follow your & SCIDA's guide on this crap for "clean energy"? This is dirty business and dirty politics.

If this is the best SCIDA can do to lead this project they should step aside and you should go back to building strip malls. The other alternative is to change * quickly -give reasonable setbacks and follow the DEC

recommendations as originally proposed when Ruyard Edick was involved. Publicly, you guys should be fried Same to Global if they try to pull off such an asinine stunt. We remember Jim Sherron promising - in public! to follow the recommendations of DEC. ALL Steuben County Towns should watch their backs. SCIDA and the wind developers after this and go to moratoriums.

Shame on you. Same on Prattsburgh Town Board for allowing this to happen and double shame on Steuben County and SCIDA for tossing this ball of excrement into our town and calling it "clean" energy. Ditto to DEC and Governor Patacki if they knew how low you guys would go. Pity to those who had any faith in Steuben County and SCIDA in regards to wind farms. DEC -Will this agency allow itself to become the Department of Environmental Corruption?? No way!!

Richard & Cynthia Cole

Riders' Rest (where you did the "noise" study 75 feet from the center of state highway 53 next - to our snow blower!)

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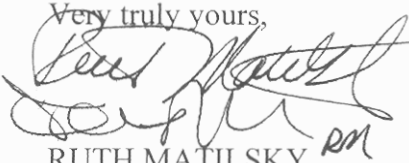
Please distribute the following letter to each Board member. For your information the letter has been sent to the newspaper.

The Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) for the Ecogen LLC Windfarm is out. For copies on disk the public can contact the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) or go on line to <http://www.ecogeneis.com/dgeis.html> . If you have problems reading the thousand page document call SCIDA. Any comments must be put into writing and received by SCIDA by June 17. On May 23 there will be a public meeting (time to be announced) at the Prattsburgh School.

I would remind SCIDA that if this project goes forward the way the developers want it to go, it will affect the lives of Prattsburgh residents forever. It is hoped that the Board of Directors of SCIDA will take the time to reach every word of the thousand page document in the allotted time and attend the public meeting. It is our understanding that last spring when the public meeting concerning the Ecogen project was held, not a single SCIDA Board member was in attendance.

We have been told by State Assembly members, employees in the Attorney General's office, the Comptroller's office and the DEC that ultimately SCIDA, as lead agent, is responsible for the impact of the Ecogen project on landowners and residents of Prattsburgh. If the project is carried out in a way that inflicts harm on the residents it will be the Board Members of SCIDA who will be held financially responsible and accountable.

With this in mind, we believe that each and every member of the SCIDA Board of Directors has an ethical and moral responsibility as well as an administrative responsibility to read the document and listen first hand to comments at the public meeting in Prattsburgh without depending on an intermediary to interpret the document and the comments.

Very truly yours,

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