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Members of the PUC once again another meeting to discuss a poorly designed project in Clark county by Geronimo energy. My interest , as is many of my neighbors is in maintaining some degree of orderly development and per rule keeping within the framework provided by PUC rules.

Geronimo has failed at many concerns and has tried to use industry data and out of context information to push their project forward. One needs only to look at their own published information listing 100's of million of dollars to tier one projects not the Crocker project, that has not sold their energy to date.

Geronimo energy also claims on its website that land values actually increased where wind turbines were placed when in fact the land values actually increased because of increased value of the farm land.

Geronimo failed to read its own propaganda fully; they quote a Univ. of MI study where 54% of the respondents believe the turbines reduced nearby property values and 49% believed the same turbines produced visual or esthetic problems. In the same study, the same residents thought the IDT projects helped schools (33%), local roads(27%), and improved township services(22%). I ask you : who would suggest these are numbers to be proud of let alone publish these for improved public support.

Geronimo has submitted to the PUC a volume of information to discount the surrounding property values near the proposed area. Clearly they have chose omit information from ILLINOIS and CANADA where wind

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energy has found opposition in the form of pressure from landowners to force for Industrial wind developers to use bonding to insure no loss of property value for surrounding property owners.

I am asking the PUC to include in any decision, a plan for Geronimo Energy to not only include bonding for the project but surety bonding for properties adjacent the turbines. The argument against bonding seems small compared the 100's of millions of dollars Geronimo boasts in their propaganda. I believe there is literature and professional real estate appraisals that would indicate a 3 mile radius adjacent to turbines that would negatively affect property values.

A decision by Geronimo not to bond surrounding land owners is likely to bring litigation to find relief against loss of value from both land and residences. This litigation will slow the project and include both Geronimo energy and those landowners whose leases affect adjacent property owners, of which there already legal cases.

Not only has Geronimo chosen to place a project in a wildlife sensitive area they have chosen to advance the project further into a known waterfowl corridor after being notified by USFWS this would have a negative effects. They have not included adjacent landowners in turbine sightings,, started litigation against the county commissioners, and have NOT done what the PUC states these projects must do; provide for orderly harmonious community development. Simply put this project is about money and subsidies.

Who on this panel would want wind turbines in their neighborhood or who would build a house or better yet buy an existing house near these turbines. If you answer NO to these questions then this proposal should be rejected unless these questions can be answered and rectified.