

I wonder how many people in this room had no idea what they were signing up for...and still don't.

For many, it was all about the money. It is NOT about the money for me. I am in the project boundary. I was offered money. I was offered even more money when I declined. I knew I never wanted to give up any bit of my property rights.

Many of my neighbors signed up years ago and want desperately to get out of contracts. When you see the maps of participators, keep in mind they are MANY who are not willing participators, they are prisoners to a piece of paper signed many years ago, not realizing the gravity of that signature.

Speaking of the maps...tell me why there is a gerrymandered boundary. Is it to skew the perception of area support? That is the only apparent reason. Other wind projects that have the full support of local communities, are a nice rectangular map, not a map that looks like ours, a map drawn by a drunken sailor.

Because of time restriction, I am going to throw out random information for you and the public.

How many people here have researched living in large scale industrial wind energy plants?

Do you know your body fights the infrasound? The wall of your heart thickens by 20%? The vertigo? Tinnitus? Migraines? Sinus pressure?

The multitude of problems that come from sleep deprivation? You don't get to turn the noisy power plant in your backyard off if you can't sleep, you have no recourse, you suffer.

I've heard that ONLY 30% of people are affected. That is a huge number. Those are the 30% who REALIZE they are affected. The other 70% won't know, until it is too late to reverse the effects. Of course, if you are one of the many absentee landowners, you don't care...your wind welfare check will come to your mailbox. No worries for you.

Landowners...did your contract tell you the access roads can be 200' wide? Or did they lead you to believe they would be 16'? Did they tell you about the wide crane path going through your property on the way to build a turbine on someone else's property? That is going to compact your land and diminish your crop production forever. Do you think you got paid enough for that?

As a business owner, I can attest to the shallow labor pool here. It is already extremely difficult to find employees in our area. [REDACTED] can't find truck drivers. So NextEra will come in and throw some taxpayer cash around and offer short term jobs because they have a PTC deadline.

Where does that leave local businesses? That leaves the local business owner in a bind...that's where.

Stack onto that, all of the people who are vowing to move away...even less of a labor pool. We need people to move here, not move away.

I ask the Commission to survey every participating landowner and ask them if they are willing to go forward, or if they want this project to stop so they can be removed from the nightmare they find themselves in. They should have that opportunity to withdraw now that the real damage has been revealed.

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