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> *Re:*   File 6083-004. <u>Lake Cochrane Improvement Association</u> •
> *Docket EL24-023, Deuel Harvest South*

Greetings:

Lake Cochrane Improvement Association (LCIA) notes the procedural order that intervenor testimony is be filed by November 13, 2024.

The concern LCIA has is with three of the proposed turbine installations, being the closest to Lake Cochrane itself, namely, 21, 22 and 49. The interests of the Lake Cochrane Seaplane Base (FAA ID:SD2) will be presented to the FAA in connection with Obstruction Evaluation Cases that were filed by applicant's staff in April 2023. However, these docketed cases – 2023-WTE-1905-OE, 2023-WTE-1906-OE, and 2023-WTE-1933-OE – have not yet been determined and the federal agency is not (yet) accepting comments in these matters.

LCIA has reviewed Applicant's Appendix S, Obstruction Evaluation & Airspace Analysis (prepared by Capitol Airspace Group, dated July 7, 2021). The findings of the study as to SD2 are in Figure 2, at 3 and in the conclusion, at 14. Essentially, the turbines that exceed 499 feet AGL are conceded to be obstructions, while the study asserts whether such locations are also hazards is an issue for the FAA to determine.

LCIA intends to focus on the identified FAA dockets, once each of these matters are open for comments. For now, LCIA would further urge that any PUC approval of sites 21, 22, and 49 in this matter be made contingent upon any future FAA's findings that none of them, in fact, are deemed to be hazards to aviation. This letter has been provided by electronic means to the parties listed in the accompanying certificate of service. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
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