

Fri 9/27/2013

Dear Director Hatfield,

This is one of many real world examples of the noise and health issues caused by industrial wind turbines.

I wanted to follow up on my August 16th email {Groton Wind LLC- Docket No. 2010-01} requesting that comprehensive and independent sound and low frequency requirements are considered as a part of the work that OEP is doing as a component of SB-99.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Goodman  
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-----Letter from MA resident living near Industrial Wind Plant -----  
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Subject: Re: Hoosac Wind Visit  
Date: Fri, 27 Sep 2013 04:04:55 -0400  
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Dear Mr. Suuberg,

This e-mail started out as a point by point response to your e-mail about the Hoosac Sound Level Monitoring Study and tonight, Hoosac Wind, while not as loud as it can be, kept me from sleep and finally I got out of bed to put my thoughts into words. It's after 3:00am and haven't slept a moment tonight.

Some of my neighbors have left their homes and others may soon be doing the same. The reason is that since Hoosac Wind has come on line their health has been affected in various ways. We here at 600 East Road are relatively fortunate in all this, but still we suffer too and something very dear has been taken from us. Our peace figuratively and literally is gone now. The nights like this used to be so quite and peaceful, but tonight I can hear the rumble from the mountain and sleep eludes me. It's not just what I hear, but what I feel that keeps me awake. Some nights it's the noise, the unnatural rhythm that we can not only hear, but seemingly feel inside our bodies. When it goes on for several nights, it takes a toll and I don't feel right from lack of sleep. Some other nights it's not the sound, but waking, my heart pounding in my chest and body wrapped in a cold sweat as if I had a bad dream where some evil is out to get me. But there is no bad

dream, and realize there is no one trying to harm us. Those occurrences are just as bad as the noise and I can't get back to sleep. For some of my neighbors, it's much worse. And so it goes, and there is an emotional toll as well, wondering is this the way the rest of our lives is going to be?

We choose to live here for the rural lifestyle and peace and quiet. Now we live near an industrial facility that makes noise at all hours of the day and night and can go on for days, sometimes sounding like a jet that never lands. If it was any other neighbors and we called the police because we couldn't sleep from the noise the town would resolve it one way or the other, but somehow Hoosac Wind and Iberdrola gets a free pass. This letter is not intended to be about the pros or con of industrial wind, but about whether we have a right to enjoy our home and property, free of nuisance from the neighbors, pure and simple. So I appeal to you not just as the Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, but as a human being and what is fair. We the neighbors are suffering in various ways and need help, and sooner rather than later as we are losing not only hope, but our health. I realize the times call for us all to change our ways so our impacts are less, but are we expected to leave our homes or suffer to do so?

Sincerely Larry Lorusso