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Please see comments forwarded below from Nancy Watson. This email will be added to the official docket page.

However, in the interest of time, I wanted to forward them along ASAP.

Thank you and please contact me with any questions.

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Dear Chairman Goldner and Committee Members,

I am providing comment regarding Docket 2021-02, specifically the issue of the ADLS operation at Antrim Wind.

The data show that for the 807 nights from June 1, 2021 to August 16, 2023, the lights were ON some portion of 806 nights. Antrim Wind admits the lights were on 43% of the time.

Removing the long stretches of time when the lights were on 100% of the night, due to supposed equipment failure, the lights-on condition averaged 31% of the time.

Are lighting events actually triggered by aircraft passing overhead or something else?

In his April 21, 2021 letter to the subcommittee, Dave Publicover from the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) quotes the technology used at the Antrim Wind Farm (Terma) claims "Terma's ADLS will keep the lights off up to 99 percent of the time." This, referenced from "Terma completes ADLS installations for U.S. wind farms/Wind Systems Magazine."

Mr. Publicover further commented that the AMC supports the "dark skies" effort to reduce night light pollution that impacts not only aesthetics, but also can be a fatal attraction to migrating birds and bats.

The concessions made by the AMC for the project and the expectations of the ADLS do not appear to be living up to Antrim Wind's end of the agreement.

Volumes of facts and comments have been provided to the subcommittee and full committee by Attorney Allen Brooks, Counsel for the Public, Dave Publicover from AMC, and public members, including but not limited to Lisa Linowes and Richard Block. Despite the facts, the committee continues to support no further action with the poor performance of the ADLS at Antrim Wind.

I find it incredulous the Committee is satisfied and acceptive of a substandard operating system that promised lighting would only be activated when aircraft are flying overhead and would keep the lights off up to 99% of the time. The Committee has proved their expectations are low and the neighbors, residents of our state and the environment deserve better. The Committee's actions are not only inadequate, but disappointing.

As the moral of "The Emperor's New Clothes" implies -

It is best to trust oneself and be honest; Speak up for the truth and what is right. Without honesty, people often end up looking very foolish.

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