

September 27, 2017

Ms. Tricia L. DeBleeckere
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East STE 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Unresolved Substantial Noise Complaints

Dear Ms. DeBleeckere,

Charlie Hoemberg, Site Manager for Big Blue Windfarm, submitted a Document # 20179-135812 on September 26th, 2017. Mr. Hoemberg says the changes to the turbine operational configuration has “resolved” the substantial complaint of the “jet” noise. The operational configurations took effect August 17th, 2017.

I dispute the claim that the complaint is resolved.

On the weekend of September 9th and 10th, the turbines were so loud that we were unable to enjoy our house, yard, or patio. We also needed to shut all of the windows in our house because our kids couldn’t sleep because of the noise. The next day at 8:30 am, myself and my next door neighbor drove to the Big Blue office to formally complain about the noise that they supposedly fixed 3 weeks earlier. Their “fix” to the “jet” noise is not resolved and it is a substantial complaint. There was nobody from Big Blue to receive our complaints on that morning.

At high winds, these turbines are above the acceptable decibel level even though the operational configurations have been changed. And if they changed the configurations, why was the noise so bad 3 weeks after their “fix”? Once again, just because they said they changed something or did something doesn’t mean they actually did or changed anything, which is obvious because the turbines are still too noisy.

Therefore I ask the Site Permit be suspended until the PUC and Big Blue can fix each issue, or revoke the Site Permit completely so decommissioning can begin.

Sincerely,

Dan Moore
Farmer
Blue Earth, MN