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Regarding the requested permit amendments for upgrades to the Nobles Wind Farm:

Is the request asking PUC to grant waivers for wind access buffer setbacks for turbines where landowners have not and will not sign a waiver?

We are located in the west half of section 5 Dewald township, Nobles county.

We are against being forced to tolerate upgraded wind turbines which would be noncompliant, create more noise and shadow, denigrate a peaceful environment, and continue diminishing migrating birds and waterfowl.

Additionally the wind turbine immediately north of the northwest corner of Section 5 Dewald township appears to be noncompliant, as it was originally constructed.

Unfortunately, it was poor planning at the time of construction, that results in the current request for permit amendments. I believe longer blades were available at the time of original construction.

Rather than force individuals to tolerate the proposed upgrades, if no waiver is given by the landowner(s), the turbines should be decommissioned and moved to bring into compliance for any upgrade.

Thank you for the courtesy of your reply.

Sherman Graber and -Patricia Johnson