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Comment Detail:

Dear Members of the WI PSC:

I am a physician pratitioner of internal medicine in my 25th year of private practice.

I have professional and personal experience with the adverse health effects of Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs).

The Operation of IWTs is a Health Hazard to people who live within 4-6 miles of them.

My opinion is professional, credible and irrefutable.

My opinion is based on:

- 1-My clinical practice in Internal Medicine;
- 2-Scientific research of the adverse effects of IWTs that I began investigating in early 2010;
- 3-Personal interviews with people who are highly sensitive who are adversely affected by the operation of IWTs including residents in Colebrook, CT (BNE Wind Farm), Falmouth, MA (Falmouth Wind Farm) and Denmark, WI (Shirley Wind Farm);
- 4-Personal experience with my household that is within 1600 feet of the closest of 2 IWTs that began operation on October 17, 2015. 2 of 6 members are profoundly affected including my wife. We moved our bedroom to our basement on October 18.

I am a graduate of the Medical College of WI, class of 1987, a graduate of the University of CT Internal Medicine Residency Program including Chief Residency, 1991, Licensed to practice in the State of CT since 1991, Board Certified in Internal Medicine, an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Medicine, University of CT, Community-Based Faculty (since 1996), a member of the CT State Medical Society, and an Executive Member of the Litchfield County Medical Association. The adverse health effects of IWTs are well documented. McMurtry and Krogh outlined them fairly well in "Diagnostic Criteria for Adverse Health Effects in the Environs of Wind Turbines", Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine Open, 5(10)1-5. In my professional experience the most prominent symptoms are sleep disturbance, head pressure, posterior head pain, vertigo and balance disorders, cognitive clouding, the feeling of the blade sweep as a thumping pressure in the chest and intermittent heart irregularity. My wife experiences all of these and more when she is near IWTs. Her symptoms all go away when they are not operational or she is at least a 2-3 miles or more from them.

We do not know what children and those unable to express themselves well are experiencing.

A Key Point is that symptoms are present when exposed to IWTs, and symptoms dissipate and disappear when not exposed to IWTs. There is a straight forward cause and effect connection of IWTs and adverse health

effects.

Noise level is not the issue, per se. Sound frequency is. Infrasound is at least a significant part of the cause. Electromagnetic waves including "Dirty Electricity" might also be part of the cause.

I do not feel challenged by those who reject my statements. These people are not clinicians. They are self serving business men and their hired hands. (HG Leventhall should be considered amongst the most shameless of hired hands. He wrote a paper in 2004 warning the world about the health impact of low frequency sound, and now works as a speaker for the pro-wind organizations using the name Geoff Leventhall, stating there is no problem. Robert McCunney presents nothing scientific and avoids legitimate science.) There is also an abundance of green energy idealists who do not want there to be a problem.

On a sad note, I am aware that in regions where generations of families have built communities, the imposition of IWTs by developers-with the help of governing bodies-has caused some people to abandon their homes and their towns.

IWTs are a threat to human health and should not be sited within 4-6 miles of communities.

I stand behind my testimony and can be contacted by the WI PSC if appropriate

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