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Comment_description: I am excited whenever a renewable energy source is developed! Wind power makes so much sense; we need to do anything we can to move it along as fast as possible. The developers of this project having been trying for years to get this project in operation. I have been watching from afar and am disappointed in all the waiting involved. Please move this along! Let's reduce our dependence on foreign energy! Please don't let the big energy companies keep the farmers out of the picture. It is a great combination for a farmer to get some extra income from their property. Everyone wins.

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Jean Jewell
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Case #PAC-E-05-09

Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission,

As County Commissioners we've been watching the progress of the Schwendiman small wind power production facility with great interest. Our support of the anemometer installation since 2002, the project location, and the fact that the Schwendiman's have been farming in our county for several generations are all positives for this project. Small wind farms are important to us as well as the large ones. Clean alternative energy along with job creation is important as well.

Thank you for your consideration as we hope small wind power generation can be a reality here in Eastern Idaho.

Roger Christensen, Chairman, Bonneville County Commissioners

Lee Staker, Commissioner

Dave Radford, Commissioner

No contract, etc.

Regarding Case #PAC-E-05-09 Schwendiman wind farm

My Name is Tory Talbot. My Brother Trent and I are 5th generation farmers and own the property directly East of the proposed Schwendiman wind farm sight. We are ADAMATELY OPPOSED to the erecting of the 300 ft. plus tall wind mills. Our objections are four fold.

First, these wind mills are extremely expensive and it is highly questionable as to whether or not they will pay for themselves, let alone be profitable. Federal Government Grants are use to put the wind farms up and if that isn't costly enough, the utility consumers are asked to pay any additional costs of power generation. This just adds insult to injury after our Tax Dollars are used to put up these towers, we are then ask to pay a higher price for any electricity they happen to generate. We urge the commission to consider cost/benefit of these wind farms.

Second, the general public has no Idea the foot hills East of Idaho Falls will change forever. These 300 ft plus, tall towers are far from being unobtrusive. The proposed Schwendiman wind farm is located on top of ridge approx. 3 miles East North East of Iona. One will see these monstrosities for as far away as Shelly. With all of the truly rural land, we question the placement of these unsightly structures so close to and in plane view of a populated area. Most folks who live here are outdoors enthusiasts and hold in high regard the beauty of the local landscape.

Third, the environmental concerns regarding these wind mills. The TEX CREEK WILD LIFE MANAGEMENT AREA is only about 4 miles Due East of the proposed Schwendiman wind farm. All the studies we have able to find, conclude these wind farms to be highly damaging to wild life. The noise, although not apparent directly around the towers, is very loud farther away and can be herd up to 5 miles away. After speaking to the head of the IDAHO Fish & Game Dept. we discovered they are adamantly opposed to these wind farms being place so close to a wild life refuge.

Forth, These wind farms have a negative effect on land values. Although the property surrounding the proposed sight is agriculture, it is on the hill side that is plane view from many towns and cities in the valley. These huge structures are unsightly at best and drive down land values.

We urge the commission to take into consideration these points before giving any kind of approval to Schwendiman's proposed wind farm. If we are going to have these as a source of electricity, it seams to make sense to put these wind mills in locations where people are not forced to look out their front doors and see them. It also seams prudent to build fewer numbers of these farms that have more mills in them, thus preventing the countryside from being littered with smaller groups of these wind mills. We feel it would be in the public's interest to examine these issue in depth before making any decision. We are going to do what we can to raise pubic awareness of this and try to urge relocation of the mills on proposed sight sought by Schwediman.

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State of Idaho
Public Utilities Commission
Boise, Idaho 83701

To the Commission:

Re: Case # PAC-E- 05-09

Regarding the proposed Schwendiman Wind Farm Project, I wish to register my objections and concerns as follows:

Location: With the vast amount of wasteland in this state, I question why the wind farm should be placed in a growing area of residential subdivisions and near the Tex Creek Wildlife Refuge. It would seem far more plausible to seek an area that would not devalue the tax base of the county and state.

Profitability: Studies show that wind farms are not cost efficient. Why, then does the government, state and federal, fund such projects. I believe we need alternative sources of energy, but they must be cost effective.

Environmental Impact: Placement of the proposed wind farm near populated areas poses many environmental concerns. If an environmental impact study has been made, I hereby request a copy of such.

The Tex Creek Wildlife Refuge was created by the Idaho Fish & Game Department. Funding for this preserve came from the taxpayers of Idaho. To disrupt this wildlife refuge is a gross waste of state tax dollars.

I urge you to reconsider the placement of the wind farm. Surely, there are far more appropriate locations in the state that would not devalue the land and tax base of this valley.

Respectfully,



Patricia J. Smith
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