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Industrial wind technology, especially inland upstate NY, has too high a cost, at taxpayer and ratepayer expense, for too little in return. In most places throughout the U.S., huge industrial wind development will produce little or nothing at times of peak demand. This is already documented in California and Texas. NY state industrial wind companies are said to benefit the public good and yet they will not release their wind study data. Even more disturbing is these industrial developments are tearing apart communities and pitting neighbor against neighbor. They claim to benefit the public good and yet privately negotiate land-lease agreements for 30 to 40 story tall turbines that affect the whole community and region where they are proposed and/or already placed. They don't pay their fair share of property taxes by convincing (bamboozling) local officials to accept PILOT programs. (Payment in lieu of taxes.)

Please refer to the outline submitted by Cohocton Wind Watch for the NYSERDA State Energy Plan. I strongly endorse the information within the outline.

There must be a coordinated statewide approach that deals with appropriate siting and environmental impact for renewable energy to effectively decrease emissions and our dependence on fossil fuels,. The Legislature, PSC and NYSERDA must be critical and re-evaluate existing wind projects as well as current policies before proceeding with any incomplete or new projects. At present each wind installation is evaluated separately by local towns and agencies that have no previous experience with such technology. Bonding is lax or absent and building permits are absent or have no clout. State agencies are needed to monitor this process. No community should be another mistake on the learning curve. Global evidence mounts daily that proper siting and setbacks are needed. Currently, they are more often ignored and glossed over as unimportant. Industrial wind technology, especially inland upstate NY, has too high a cost, at taxpayer and ratepayer expense, for too little in return.

Evidence mounts daily, worldwide, about improper industrial wind turbine sitings and setbacks that have associated health risks, loss of property values, destruction of ecosystems, economic loss from tourism (one of few successful business sectors of NYS), and negative impact on bird and bat populations... NYS citizens, especially taxpayers and ratepayers, that are already burdened with high taxes and electric bills do not deserve to pay more while Industrial Wind Companies (including their maze of multi-level entities) and their owners avoid taxation, add significant costs to rates and impair the environment in the process. People who are forced to live in proximity to industrial wind developments should not have their scenic vistas and property values impaired.