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Greetings: The current policy of NYSERDA and the political leadership with regard to New York State energy independence, will not bring either energy or independence to the residents of New York State. Industrial wind power installations will not produce the energy they promise and the unbelievable, unsustainable cost will drive out business and well off retirees to states with less onerous tax burdens.

If you people in charge are serious about energy independence, then you should immediately abandon Industrial Wind installations. You have ignored the only way that wind power could be a viable source of energy. If wind energy can work, the only way it can work is through small, individual, net-metered wind machines. Net metering is the key.

The reason that industrial wind won't produce the energy it promises is that the intermittent energy they produce must be consumed at the time it is produced. It is NOT STORED, and that is the fatal flaw that makes these machines worse than useless. If you are sincere about wanting more real energy production, then you must stop the immense subsidies given to industrial wind projects and limit the current subsidies to wind machines that are 50 Kilowatts or smaller. A 10 Kilowatt machine is adequate to supply all the energy that the average household would use with a little to send back into the grid for other consumers. This has the benefit of effectively removing the producer from their current consumption, thus freeing the energy they would have consumed for other users. A 50 KW machine would be sufficient to supply most farming operations, with energy to spare.

Under the current plan with industrial turbines, the host farmers get NONE of the energy produced, they lose many acres of prime farmland, and the pittance of money promised in lease agreements is on shaky ground at best. All they have is the current owners promise to pay, and from what I have heard from people who have agreed to host, is that the payments are late and slow in coming.

The real problem is that these wind facilities will change ownership every 2 to 3 years to take advantage of double declining depreciation. Future owners will feel less responsibility to honor contracts, especially if these contracts are sold to foreign interests, like the Iberdrola. I hope you realize that the deal that Iberdrola wants to make is not a long term solution. The real money in these projects is in the double declining depreciation deductions, and they will sell in 2 to 3 years just like everyone else. The problem is, who will they sell to? Maybe Iran? Maybe North Korea? Maybe Osama Bin Laden? Who knows? They could sell it to ANYONE. This is a homeland security issue.

I have read several of these land lease agreements (they wanted us to sign to host turbines). All power is given to the wind developer, and all liability is dumped on the land owner. This is primarily why we would not, and will not, sign. These contracts are so lop-sided in favor of the developer, that I believe they are actually illegal. I am totally against any situation that would allow a foreign owner to control the land assets of our state. This is why the Iberdrola deal, and industrial wind projects in general, should be banned.

Small net-metered wind machines could actually produce the results you claim you are seeking. Industrial wind will never meet the goals they promise. They are in it for the double declining depreciation benefits, which will never end for the taxpayer. Every time these facilities change hands, double declining depreciation starts all over, so the taxpayers will pay over and over and over again, and the payments to these greedy corporations will not end until the Federal

government ends these depreciation benefits. If the Federal government ends these benefits, do you think the wind farm owners will continue to pay the farmers for those lease agreements? No indeed, they will leave everyone hanging.

The bonds that supposedly cover deconstruction at the end of the life of these machines are backed by worthless paper. The bonds list the assets of the company as the funds for deconstruction. The problem with that, is that these Limited Liability Companies have NO ASSETS. They list the lease agreements as their assets. This industrial wind industry plan is a variation of a Ponzi scheme, with the taxpayers holding the bag. This is an economically unsustainable situation that will not benefit the taxpayers or other citizens in any way, least of all in terms of energy production.

Please re-think your current plans. They will not work as planned, and will guarantee bankruptcy, and threaten our national security. Sincerely, Colleen Green