



Seneca County Commissioners

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Federal Aviation Administration

RE: ASN 2019-WTE-7159-OE; ASN 2019-WTE-7160-OE: ETC

To whom it may concern,

The Seneca County Commissioners have authority over the Seneca County Airport. The Seneca County Airport has a Federal Aviation Administration-approved master plan to extend the airport runway and has been working with the FAA and the Ohio Department of Transportation for many years regarding this project.

Over the last 10 years, approximately 3.2 million dollars of federal, state and local money has been spent on various infrastructure improvements at the airport.

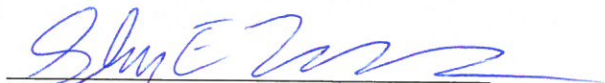

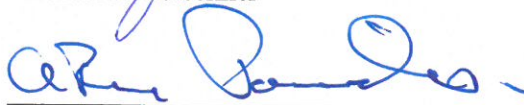
This project will allow larger aircraft to use our county airport, consequently providing a better county asset to be used by prospective and current area business, universities and other groups.

Some of the proposed turbines will not only adversely impact the current operations of the airport but will also adversely affect our Seneca County Airport expansion plans.

The board also has concerns with the wind turbine project as it relates to Federal Aviation Regulation 135.615. This regulation likely would become more difficult to adhere to due to the industrial wind turbines, leading to a potentially negative impact on air ambulance rescue operations.

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners supports County Airport Manager Brad Newman's position opposing the construction of these industrial wind turbines that would "obstruct the operations of the airport in any way that would interfere with VFR and IFR approach operations," as stated in his September 18, 2019 letter to the FAA and ODOT.

Thank You,


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