

June 24, 2016

To The Public Service Board,

I am writing today in regards to S260's temporary sound standard.

This is being written by a person who has experience living within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the nearest of a 16 Industrial Wind Turbine Project. 5 turbines within one mile and all 16 within 2 miles of our home.

My family was forced to abandon our home of 18 years due to the unbearable sound levels being emitted by the Sheffield Power Plant. Our home in the middle of the woods living off grid, so our normal ambient sound levels are equal to the rustling of leaves. Charts show this sound level is 20 dba.

20 dba is a drastic change to the allowed level permitted by our State being 45 outside of a dwelling.

I can tell you from firsthand experience that 45dba is unacceptable. This noise intrusion ruined our daily quality of life, and destroyed our sleep. Making our lives miserable. Our daily routine went from loving and enjoying the serenity of our happy little home to how do we survive another 24 hours of this nightmare. After long nights of intermittent sleep, our days were filled with nausea, dizziness, dry heaves, anger and depression. We were ordered not to work as per our Drs. and placed on Prozac. Our psychologist has diagnosed us with PTSD. All of this due to living in too close proximity to an Industrial Power Plant.

I realize asking for a sound standard of rural ambient sound levels of rustling leaves is not a reasonable request. Just as an Industry shouldn't be asking people living in such a setting to live with their sound level of an average of 45dba.

We had a sound monitor at our home that we did not only use when we were being bothered by noise. We checked at different levels we found tolerable, 30 to 35dba we found acceptable.

We suggest inside sound levels to not exceed 30dba, and outside levels no to be more than 35dba. This needs to come with the understanding that the Industry creating these sound levels should not be left to self-monitor, and neighbors should not be forced to shoulder the expense proving projects are out of compliance. Monitoring needs to be completely in the hands of an outside company with no connections with the Industrial Wind Industry in any way shape

or form. Monitoring needs to be continuous as to insure compliance throughout the year. Lastly, payment of monitoring needs to be the responsibility of said Industrial Wind Company, it is the price of doing business.

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