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Hi Jessica,

My name is Jonathan Smith and I am a homeowner at 141 Mountainy Pond Road. I am writing to provide my comments on the proposed Silver Maple Wind Turbines.

I object because of the substantial negative impact on the scenic features of Mountainy Pond, including:

Bald Mountain Bluff

Chemo Pond

Hatcase Pond

Halfmile Pond

Hopkins Pond

Jellison Hill Pond

Mountainy Pond

Parks Pond

Second Pond  
West Branch of the Union River

I also object because of the negative impact the wind farm will have on noise levels in and around Mountainy Pond. It has been well documented that wind turbines generate very low frequency noise that is not only unpleasant but can actually cause health problems.

Here are several articles discussing the topic:

Shortly after the [Shirley Wind](#) project's turbines began operating, the couple began experiencing numerous symptoms, including "headaches, ear pain, nausea, blurred vision, anxiety, memory loss, and an overall unsettledness," says Mr. Enz, 68.

A 2001 report published by the [National Institutes of Health](#) said that exposure to infrasound can cause vertigo as well as “fatigue, apathy, and depression, pressure in the ears, loss of concentration, drowsiness.”

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2012/02/wind-energy-noise-pollution-robert-bryce/>

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2009/08/03/wind-turbine-noise>

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Sincerely,

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