

My name is Mike Eaton. My wife Sherry and I have lived in our home for 20 years. We ran a small business out of my shop until I sold it in 2000. We moved here 20 years ago because we fell in love with the peace and quiet it offered us. We love the location and the weather. We are not anti wind we are in favor of the responsible siting of the turbines.

We didn't fully realize the impact of the wind farm until we saw how close and how large the turbines were going to be. We started researching and found that the turbines make a noise and we would be impacted by that noise. We then contacted Dave Iadarola, who worked for Invenergy, and told him of our concerns and asked for a meeting. In that meeting on July 16th, 2008 he told our group that the agent before him did not follow protocol. He should have contacted us before they were permitted which resulted in him being fired and their attorney being fired. Dave said he had to contact his company and then set up another meeting with us. That meeting took place at our house on August 13, 2008. At that meeting Dave told us their computer simulations showed they were well under the 50 decibels that the county had allowed them to have. We explained that the state statute was 36 decibels and that they had to abide by the state standards, not the county standards. Dave and Clint Brooks both were adamant that the county gave them 50 decibels.

The turbine noise has turned our lives upside down. I have a preexisting vertigo problem because of an injury to my head. It can be triggered by movement, noise, & vibration. The vertigo attack causes severe nausea and dizziness which I have to take medication for. This affects me the most when the wind is from the South or Southwest & West. If the turbines are loud my wife and I both have problems sleeping. Sherry wakes up feeling like her insides are shaking. We have sought relief in the form of sleeping pills from our doctor which does not always alleviate the problem. Sometimes we just have to leave for a couple of days to get relief. We are amazed at how well we feel after leaving. When we return and the turbines are turning we go thru the same cycle of being sick, not sleeping and generally feeling awful. Our diary shows the noise was memorable enough for us to write down how bad we felt or hadn't slept on 132 days last year from Jan. 2009 to Jan 2010.

We feel totally lost and unsure of the direction our lives should take. We are retirement age and were planning on living here the rest of our lives. Now we feel that is impossible because of the noise the turbines are inflicting on us.

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