Dear Sirs and madams,

I am always at loss of words to explain the psychology behind "group think"....if the group "thinks" it's good, then we'll go with it....

Sadly, this means that individuals are incapable of actually thinking for themselves.

I remember as a child, I'd tell my mother "Cathy is going to go to the event late at night" (whatever the event was) and my mother, God bless her, told me "if Cathy jumped off a bridge, I suppose you'd think that was ok to do, then, too??

Wind turbines are supposed to be good for the environment, correct?

The environment is made of everything around it....not just air...

These turbines destroy much of the environment both locally and globally, and yet they are supposed to be "good". I find this incongruous.

Turbines RADICALLY affect the environment destructively:

- 1. STEEL (coal fired plants make it. When you buy turbines, you have to buy steel) This is GOOD for the environment??
- 2. Fiberglass (many many petro chemical make them) This is GOOD for the environment?
- 3. OIL and Hydraulic fluids (200 GALLONS WITHIN EACH ONE TO KEEP THEM LUBRICATED) which leak all over the ground This is GOOD for the environment??? OIL???? USING MORE OIL???? Wait, I thought we were supposed to get off the dependency on oil????
- 4. During the construction phase, they COMPACT THE SOIL so much that it cannot be used for farming for FOOD again. This is GOOD ????
- 5. They pour tons of concrete and steel rods into the ground for the foundation...this is GOOD for the environment? I live in DeKalb County, Illinois, the home of the RICHEST TOPSOIL IN THE WORLD set down by glaciers millions of years ago...and they compacted it and took it away and filled it with concrete ...and this is GOOD for the environment?
- 6. They take mountain tops off to put them up....mountains that stood for millions of years....and mankind destroys them to put an invasive machine??? This is GOOOD for the environment?
- 7. The blades spin 208 miles per hour and slice and dice hundreds of thousands of birds and bats a year (And if I hear "cars and buildings kill more than that", then I would point out to you that we're supposed to be SAVING THE birds and bats not ADDING TO THEIR DESTRUCTION). Birds and bats eat insects...especially mosquitos which carry nasty diseases like West Nile Virus and Malaria....and it's OK to kill them??? This is GOOD for the environment???
- 8. The production of the giant magnets (remember making a little electric motor in your elementary school science class? It requires a magnet) causes massive pollution in other parts of the world where the heavy metals and rare earth elements used to create the magnets pollute the ground. When you put in a request for a turbine, you're asking the producer to pollute by creating these magnets....and this is GOOD for the environment???

- 9. Much like a giant fan works, these things fan the ground AND DRY IT UP. And, temperatures have been recorded in the vicinity of wind turbines and they have found that actually the earth itself is warmer than outside the turbine area. Wait a minute, I thought we were trying to HELP THE ENVIRONMENT???
- 10. The turbines create measurable quantifiable noise at ALL RANGE SPECTRUMS. The infrasound they all create is very destructive to the animals, MANKIND INCLUDED. The US Navy has done research on this for YEARS in the 1970s. it is a well documented scientific fact that LOW FREQUENCY NOISE HURTS ANIMALS and since, as you all remember from your elementary school science classes, mankind falls into the category of animal, not mineral or vegetable, then it follows that mankind is also being affected by them. (see the book titled: The Effects of Low-Frequency Noise and Vibration of People, edited by Colin H Hansen.
- 11. Turbines USE electricity that is not metered and comes directly from the grid. They USE electricity to heat the oil, to heat the blades, to cool the interiors of the towers in the summers, to turn the nacelle, to rotate the blades, to start them up, to turn them off....and, since they only OPERATE AT 25% efficiency, you have to ask just how much NET electricity do they actually produce and is that even worth it given all the other down sides to these things?

SO, JUST BECAUSE 'THEY' SAY THESE TURBINES ARE GOOD ARE GOING TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE GROUP AND NOT USE YOUR COMMON SENSE ??? DIDN'T YOUR MOTHERS TEACH YOU TO THINK FOR YOURSELVES?

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