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From: Donna Tisdale <tisdale.donna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 8:41 PM
To: iain.fisher@cpuc.ca.gov; ECOSUB
Cc: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com
Subject: 09-08-003: DEIR/EIS wind victim details

Dear Mr. Fisher and Mr Thomsen,

Please include the following information into the record as formal opposition / comment on the joint PUC/BLM Draft EIR/EIS for ECO Substation, Tule Wind and Energia Sierra Juarez.

The following summary is mine, and the string of e-mail commentary copied below is from Stephana Johnson, a wind turbine victim from rural Norfolk County, Ontario, Canada.

I met Stephana, and other individuals impacted by industrial wind turbine installations and related infrastructure, when I attended the First International Symposium on the Global Wind Industry last October in Picton Ontario.

Stephana was very willing to share her information in order to educate decision makers, and to warn other communities of what can be expected when industrial wind turbines are placed too close to homes and other sensitive receptors.

I spoke to her recently . She is in her 80's and told me she was in such a bad state, from being back in her wind turbine impacted home for four nights, that she felt she could not sit down, gather her thoughts, or focus enough to write a coherent formal comment letter for ECO, Tule ESJ DEIR/EIS. Since last year, she had been staying in a trailer at her son's house but the below freezing weather froze up the heating oil, so she had to go back home for a few nights and deal with the reality of living too close to industrial wind turbines. No one should be subjected to this kind of torture.

Stephana gave me permission to share her information / informative e-mail string. She does not want others to suffer her fate or that of her neighbors.

During our most recent phone conversation, Stephana provided to me with some of the following details of the project (s), that she has no doubt have resulted in harm to herself and her neighbors. Other details I researched / verified online:

- Clear Creek II went into operation in Nov 2008. Developed in Clear Creek by AIM Powergen, now owned by Canadian Hydro International.
- Cutus Wind Farm 2008. Developed in Clear Creek by AIM Powergen
- Frogmore Wind 2008. Developed in Clear Creek by AIM Powergen
- 18 Vestas 1.65 MW turbines all within a 1.8 mile radius of her home and others.
- Her home is 526 meters (approximately 1,725 feet) from the nearest turbine
- She was healthy when the turbines started operation, but reports her health and life have been adversely impacted in ways she never imagined.
- When local residents figured out that the wind turbines were at the root of their new health problems, they went door to door asking questions.

- 70 residents signed petitions stating they were suffering various symptoms--that started after the turbines started operation.
- Her neighborhood now has 10 abandoned homes and more sitting empty or up for sale.
- According to Stephana, there was one suicide, one attempted suicide, and one second trimester miscarriage--all reportedly related to adverse impacts from proximity to industrial wind turbines.

Regards,
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: stephana johnston <stephanajohnston@hotmail.com>
 Date: Sun, Feb 13, 2011 at 3:21 PM
 Subject: RE: Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore IWT Zone - Supplementary report
 To: donna tisdale <tisdale.donna@gmail.com>

Hello Donna

You may share the body of each email.

I have tried to delete some of the senders' addresses and names but if I miss any, please do this before sending on. Some of my correspondents are very leery of having their names revealed especially if the name can be connected to a GPS location.

You can leave the names of our politicians and public servants because their names are a matter of public record.

Date: Sun, 13 Feb 2011 12:00:34 -0800

Subject: Re: Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore IWT Zone - Supplementary report

From: tisdale.donna@gmail.com
 To: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com

Hello Stephana,

Thank you for sharing your nightmare experiences with industrial wind turbines (IWT) so that other communities and property owners can avoid your dire situation.

Please let me know if I have your permission to send your string of e-mails below, to our state, federal and local decision makers who are in the draft multi-agency environmental review process for multiple large scale wind turbine, substation, and transmission line projects. If all proposals are approved, we are facing an estimated 392 IWTs in and around our rural community of 1,500 or so.

I know you are not feeling well, after being at your impacted home for several days, so please feel free to respond with a simple yes or no.

Donna
619-766-4170

On Fri, Feb 11, 2011 at 7:43 PM, stephana johnston <stephanajohnston@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hi Donna

Here is a series of emails which you may pass on to your group.

From: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com
To: neala.barton@ontario.ca
CC: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com; aorfanakos@ombudsman.on.ca
Subject: FW: Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore IWT Zone - Supplementary report
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2011 13:22:02 -0500

Dear Ms. Barton

Please let me know what "health care" the Ontario government is offering to people like those of us who are SUFFERING from the effects of Industrial Wind Turbines which are DESTROYING our health?

Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2010 20:40:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore IWT Zone - Supplementary report
From:
To: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com

I can't believe what is happening to you. You are treated so badly. You have all my sympathy and I wish I could do more. There's a ways a bed here for you. All the best

Anne

On Mon, Aug 2, 2010 at 4:41 PM, stephana johnston <stephanajohnston@hotmail.com> wrote:

Missing data:

- > a minor scrape on the back of my left leg at the beginning of July escalated by mid July not only not healed, but with a very painful swollen left leg and sympathetic? swelling of the right leg as well
- > unable to get an appt with my family doc, I went to NGH emerg where a swab of the unhealed wound was sent to the lab and I was sent home with a prescription for a 10 day course of sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
- > only to be told by my family doc on July 27, that the antibiotic did not work on the 2 bacteria in my wound - Strep. agalactiae and pseudomonas aeruginosa, ubiquitous bacteria which most adults' immune systems wipe out within 10 days
- > so, now 2 more antibiotics for 7 days - erythromycin and ciprofloxacin.
- > all because an immune system compromised by all the stress of being assaulted daily by 18 Vestas 1.65 MW Industrial Wind Turbines surrounding my home within a 3 km radius!

> what is the MoE, the MoHLTC, the MoE&I, the CMOH going to do to prevent further deterioration of my health from the stress of living surrounded by these killer machines?

From: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com

To: martin.mcconnochie@ontario.ca; brad.farnand@ontario.ca; geoffrey.knapper@ontario.ca; bill.bardswick@ontario.ca; kevin.french@ontario.ca; minister.moe@ontario.ca; arlene.king@ontario.ca; bduguid.mpp@liberal.ola.org; mbest.mpp@liberal.ola.org; dmatthews.co@liberal.ola.org; aorfanakos@ombudsman.on.ca

CC:

Subject: RE: Week in Review from the Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore IWT Zone

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2010 15:42:02 -0400

This is a formal complaint about the vibrations from Industrial Wind Turbines affecting residents at the property legally described as:

Roll Number: 33 10 545 040 26400 0000, Municipality - Norfolk County
1628 Lakeshore Rd, P.O.Box341, Port Rowan ON, N0E1M0
HGN CON SLR PT GORE LOT 19, RP 37R8369 PART1

Complaint reference date: Saturday, July 10, 2010

Since the commissioning of the Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore Industrial Wind Turbine Zone on November 22, 2008, I have experience DAILY, a feeling of fullness/stuffiness in both ears, as well as a non-stop buzzing in my cranial cavity with the result being sleep deprivation, night after night.

Following are other symptoms and actions taken:

>audiology test at Toronto Hearing Clinic with follow-up appt with Dr. Wade which he cancelled

>re-testing at Leeper Clinic in London with a 16 month wait for follow-up with Dr. Parnes; who concluded that, "the cause shifts between the wind turbine and environmental exposure. We believe a(n) epidemiological study could verify the relationship between the symptoms and the wind turbine, We had a discussion with her in detail about that etiology."

>symptom of dizziness while changing body positions resulted in a fleeting period of lack of conscious control, a fall into a wall which left a "head sized" dent in the wall board and me unconscious on the floor [once is ENOUGH, I'll never let this happen again]

>piercing pain, twitching in different parts of body often associated with very low barometric pressure, high humidity, winds from the N or NW

>telephone calls, emails to ministries responsible for granting certificates to erect the IWT's

>telephone calls and emails to MoE agents at the Hamilton office

>telephone calls to the ombudsman's office

>request from family doc for a referral to a Neurologist who might be able to explain the neurological basis for the symptoms

>rental of an apt in Delhi from Dec 15, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in order to catch up on sleep lost IF I stayed overnight at my home

>starting July1, 2010, I have slept in my son's place ~ 16 km away from the IWT's, again without the fullness in the ears, the buzzing in the brain, which is taking longer and longer to dissipate, nor the micro-awakenings which cause sleep deprivation whenever I sleep at my home

>November 22, 2010 will be two years of living in hell

I look forward to action, which will take me out of this torture chamber, on the part of all the responsible parties: AIM/IPC, Norfolk County Council, Mr. McGuinty, MoE&I, MoE, MoHLTC, Dept of Health Protection and Promotion, CMOH.

Yours truly

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From: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com

To: martin.mcconnochie@ontario.ca; brad.farnand@ontario.ca; geoffrey.knapper@ontario.ca;
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CC:

Subject: RE: Week in Review from the Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore IWT Zone

Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2010 18:23:35 -0400

Now that Carl.V. Phillips, MPP, Ph.D., Epidemiologist at U Alberta School of Public Health in his testimony at the Wisconsin Public Service Commission hearing has corroborated that the symptoms which the Norfolk Victims of Industrial Wind Turbines have been describing to you for 18 months now are real and furthermore, we contend that AIM Power Gen/IPC, the responsible Ministries of the Ontario government and Norfolk County must give those of us who have had our formerly healthy lives taken from us, give us the money which we put into our homes so we can rebuild them and live peacefully as we "age in place".

Sat, June 26 - spent in Delhi preparing to move out of respite apt. Slept peacefully.

Sun, June 27 - morning and early aft in Delhi. Drive to CC/C/F for supper and to make several long distance phone calls. Drive to T'burg then back to Delhi to sleep.

Mon, June 28 - final clean up before move of furniture on Tues. then back to CC/C/F for supper and overnight.

Tues, June 29 - unquiet sleep no rest after 6 am. Appt with a Master Electrician to explore relation of ElectroMagnetic Fields to symptoms of ear pressure, jangling neurons and many mini arousals from sleep during the night. He has research to do and will comment as soon as he can. Final move from Delhi. Another sleep disturbed night in CC/C/F.

Wed, June 30 - up at 7 am to drive to Simcoe for the whole day. For the night, stay with son in his trailer ~ 16 km away from the IWT's.

Thur, July 1 - return to CC/C/F to use computer, make telephone calls, have supper.
Plan to sleep in trailer and have supper in CC/C/F until my home in CC/C/F is bought by AIM/IPC, the Ont govt and Norfolk County. Please advise when the process will begin.

As I finish this report, my brain is buzzing, my head is thumping and I can barely wait until I get out of here.

To: martin.mcconnochie@ontario.ca; brad.farnand@ontario.ca; geoffrey.knapper@ontario.ca;
bill.bardswick@ontario.ca; kevin.french@ontario.ca

CC:

Subject: RE: Week in Review from the Clear Creek/Cultus/Frogmore IWT Zone

Date: Fri, 25 Jun 2010 01:21:39 -0400

What REMAINS CONSTANT when I am here in CC/C/F: CONTINUOUS PRESSURE ON THE EARS, CONTINUOUS JANGLING OF NEURONS IN THE BRAIN, SLEEP DEPRIVATION, fatigue upon getting up when day breaks.

Wed, June 16 - even though sleep in the trailer was deep and sound, the pain in the chest which I had ignored Tues had not gone by this morn. Nevertheless, starting at ~ 8 am, I drove NNE to Shelburne to meet Lorrie, Barb, Dave and the documentary film crew. Filming took place at the home of a WCO member in the Melancthon area. Although there were more IWT's here than in CC/C/F, they were not as densely packed.

Next was a visit to experience the effects of the transformer around the corner from Paul's home. Outside, the chest pain worsened; indoors, I sensed nerve jangling similar to that in CC/C/F. Within 5 minutes, nausea and dizziness lead to a need to sit down, but even then, could not bear the sensation fearing that I would fall down, as I had in Jan of 2009, if I stayed any longer. Barb and Dave helped me to my car where I sat until feeling able to drive.

Once the nausea and dizziness dissipated, I drove on the gravel roads at ~ 30 km/h in a SW direction knowing I would soon come to a road I recognized. [My husband and I had owned a farm on the 2nd line of Amaranth ~ 1961]. In Grand Valley, I sat in the car for ~ 30 min.

Back in Delhi by 8 pm, the increased chest pain had NOT dissipated. Pain killers [2 every 6 h over the next day permitted a deep sleep.

Thur, June 17 - slept to ~ 10 am in Delhi. Minimal chores, minimal meals, mostly trying to recover. Drove to CC/C/F ~ supper time to avail myself of my computer and land line telephone. Pain killers were controlling the chest pain so was able to bear an overnight.

Fri, June 18 - retrieve mail from Pt. Rowan and drive back to Delhi via Simcoe. Another deep and sound sleep in Delhi.

Sat, June 19 and Sun, June 20 - although subjected to the pressure, jangling and fatigue, the need to take advantage of the off peak hydro rates to do several loads of laundry and to cook a large batch set of meals to be used during the Mon to Fri of the next week for both my son and myself, I stayed in CC/C/F.

Mon, June 21 - bk in Delhi to recover and sleep.

Tues, June 22 - having forgotten clean clothing necessitated the 48 km return to CC/C/F where I was by sheer

chance, met Martin as he drove by after taking down the wind monitor at the property of a neighbour. I left for Simcoe as soon as possible, staying overnight in Delhi.

Wed, June 23 - having had a good sleep in Delhi, I spent much of the day on a computer in the Simcoe library and stayed overnight in Delhi.

Thur, June 24 - less than a week left on the lease of the respite apt here in Delhi, most of the day was spent collecting all the items not needed for the last 6 days, drove to CC/C/F to meet my son, ~ supper time. He had agreed to move these large items since the forecast was for rain for the next 4 days and he only has an uncovered pick - up truck. The next non-rain day will be either Tues, June 29 or Wed, June 30 when the rest will be removed.

Fri, June 25 - so, here I sit, nerves jangling, nagging pain in the shoulder, waiting for morning when I will leave for Simcoe. WHAT AN EXISTENCE!

To: stephanajohnston@hotmail.com

Subject: Visit

Date: Tue, 22 Jun 2010 08:32:58 -0400

Hi Stephana,

I hope you survived your visit to my home last week with no lasting ill effects? I was wondering how my issues from living here part time compare with yours, from your point of view. I.E. I am obviously missing the whooshing noise of the blades, but have to wonder if the rest of the issues are the same except for the "dose".

My theory is that you receive a certain amount from a cluster of turbines and a larger dose from the substation but above a certain amount it is "overkill" sort of like taking a whole bottle of pills if two are sufficient to be fatal. Your input is appreciated as I believe it is up to us to figure this thing out. Thanks, Paul

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