

Wind turbines

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Dear residents of Woodbury county,

My name is Kory Kroeger, I live on an acreage near Remsen Iowa, home of the most recent windfarm project Plymouth Wind Energy LLC. My home now sits to the southwest of one of these turbines, less than ½ mile away. I'll tell you right up front that anyone that says these things don't make noise is a complete LIAR! The only time they're quiet is when it's dead calm outside. Even in the slightest wind there is a high pitched whistle. Beyond that comes the constant whoosh of the blades, and on very windy days I hear what sounds like jet engines running half throttle sitting on the tarmac waiting for takeoff. Quiet nights sitting outside no longer exist in my little piece of heaven.

Neighbors first started telling me I was getting a windmill in my back yard I questioned my land owning neighbor and was told there's no way he'd ever have one. When the turbine site map came out I saw one was plotted in the same quarter section as my house. Of course the land owner had excuses but he assured me it wouldn't bother. As the project started and traffic increased I called Plymouth Wind Energy project managers numerous times about getting dust control placed on the gravel road. Not once did I receive a return call from them. Finally I stopped in the office and was told that my road was not a dedicated haul road, and was not able to receive any dust control. And while in the office never once was it any concern to them that I was obviously going to be affected by this turbine. As the project neared completion in the fall of 2021 I received my first notification letter in the mail from Plymouth Wind Energy. Enclosed was a song and dance of how "WE" (now Mid-American Energy and I) needed to be good neighbors and we should work together in the future of renewable energy. And if I was interested in becoming a "good neighbor" I should contact them about entering into their easement agreement. After reluctantly stopping at the office I was informed that since the turbine was within ½ mile of my residence I was eligible to get a \$1,000 sign on bonus and a \$9,000 one-time payment or a \$500 annual payment for the estimated life of turbine, 40 years. This entire time in the office being told there is such minimal noise that I'd likely never hear it, and rarely ever see a shadow for the blades. Again the lies....

I have a neighbor who signed up for a turbine after doing all his homework on noise and visual pollution. He had it placed on his farm 1,780 feet from his house. If you ask him now about his decision he'll out right tell you all the information out there is LIES. All he hears now is noise from the turbine and he sits with his back to it in the back yard. "Kory this was the worst decision I've ever made in my life. I'm just sick with myself."

So my best advice to all of you in Woodbury county is keep them out of your sight! They provide no long term financial gain and definitely no local energy independence. Stay strong in your fight against these liars and hold your county officials accountable for the decisions they make in this matter.

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