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About 5-6 years ago a company tried to get a wind turbine here in the Catskill Mountains where I live. They installed a test tower and had to clear a circle of property with a 350' diameter. The test tower blew over about 3-4 times as there are high winds in this area;

The company made several presentations to the residents. At first it seemed like it was a good idea to me. I thought that I should check on some of the statistics that this company was using.

They said that the price of electricity from the turbines would be less expensive than our current rates. Actually wind energy is more expensive. The energy produced by the turbines would not come to this area but would be used mostly downstate.

Most of the statistics presented were incorrect. It seemed to me that the format and numbers used was the same no matter where the project was located.

The turbine company had stated that when a turbine was to be taken from service they would have a fund to pay for it. The fund was in fact not large enough to remove the obsolete turbine.

The Catskill Mountains have a stone ridge on top. The company said that no blasting would be used in the installation of the turbines. This is not possible as a 12 foot depth is required for the tower.

In addition: The efficiency of the turbines is 30% in the best of conditions and would be less than 30% here.

The number of birds and bats which would be killed by the turbines is totally unacceptable.

**THE PROJECT IS NOT GREEN. IT IS A WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY.**

Sincerely, Joan A Hinman