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CATTARAUGUS COUNTY)
STATE OF NEW YORK) ss:

KATHLEEN BOSER PREMO, being duly sworn, under penalty of perjury, deposes and says:

1. I live with my husband Patrick at 1250 Chipmonk Road in Allegany.

1. I am a member of Concerned Citizens of Cattaraugus County.

2. My home is approximately 8,000 feet from Turbine 1W proposed by Allegany Wind, LLC, one of eleven large windmills approved for the ridge to our immediate west, and less than 10,000 feet from the company's proposed Turbine 1E, one eighteen more windmills approved for the ridge to our immediate east.

3. Chipmonk valley, located between these two ridges, was settled in the second half of the 1800s by lumbermen who in that period brought their families, built homes and a school as well as lumber mills.

4. Today, at least eleven homesteads of fourth generation descendants of those early settlers live in the valley, including my family, and my brother's family.

5. I went to several meetings of the Allegany planning and town boards where the Allegany Wind project was discussed and, based on those meetings and my review of the project application and environmental impact review the boards considered, I do not believe the deep roots many people now living on Chipmonk Rd. have to the land here was ever considered.

6. My mother, Elizabeth Maloney Boser, a very proud descendent and granddaughter of William Maloney and Roger Ryan - two of the founding fathers of the Chipmonk Valley - contributed the chapter entitled "Chipmonk" to the book, *Our Allegany Heritage 1831-1981*. The following quotations are taken from this chapter.

7. "In 1856 Patrick McMahon built a large saw mill on the Chipmonk Creek, two miles from the river."

8. "The men thus employed, purchased small areas of land in order to erect primitive cabins to shelter their families. They devoted their spare hours to clearing their

lands with axe and hoe. In this way they founded a settlement in the wilderness."

9. "About 1885 another large lumber mill was erected by Mr. Van Campen at the head of the valley. In 1892 Michael Schaffer opened a third mill, which carried its logs and lumber down the valley on a special little railroad that Mr. Schaffer had built . . ."

10. "[T]he discovery of oil in 1895 brought new prosperity to the valley. . . . hundreds of men flocked to the valley . . . A large two-storied Maccabee Hall (of the Knights of Maccabees) on the Maloney farm was the center of all the social life for many years. Chipmonk Valley reached the high point of its population during these so-called . . . excitement days."

11. "When the Pennsylvania Railroad built a track from Olean to Pittsburgh and points south, it erected passenger and freight depots at South Vandalia, which was the lower point of Chipmonk . . . Homes sprang up for families such as: Mr and Mrs Joseph Amore, Mr. and Mrs Anthony Giardini, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quattrone . . ."

12. "One of the first things the early settlers did

was build log cabin schools . . . A large schoolhouse with two rooms was built in about the middle of the valley in 1878. This school was known as the 'Middle School.' These combined buildings are today known as the Chipmonk Community Hall . . ."

13. I know most people who today have homes on Chipmonk Road and they have lived there for decades.

14. In addition to the fourth-generation families identified above, many others living in the valley today are third and second generation residents. My nephew, together with his family, lives in my great-grandfather's original home. That makes him a fifth generation descendant. Thus, many of us in the valley can trace our heritage back to people who worked diligently to carve out homes in a valley that was as special to them as it is today for us.

15. My own home is located on property that had been originally owned by my great grandfather, William Maloney; our home is located on property where the original Maccabee Hall was built.

16. At the place where I live I have a comforting

connection to relatives, knowing that I live on property that was once such an exciting meeting place for my forebears.

17. The middle school referred to by my mother (where she attended school) in her account of the history of the valley is still located mid-way up the Chipmonk Road and serves today as a meeting place for frequent get-togethers for the people of Chipmonk.

18. My husband and I decided to build a home on Chipmonk Road in the late 70s; the area is a short trip from the Allegany area where we both have worked and we were very fortunate to have my parents give us a parcel of land that was part of the total property where my great grandfather and great grandmother had settled. We bought two additional adjoining parcels of land that gave us a total of about four acres. We built our house and moved into the home, with our family, in the fall of 1978.

19. The land is quite beautiful: partially wooded and the best part is that we have privacy; no one lives in back of our home and the neighbors are not close; the days and evenings are peacefully quiet.

20. One factor that drew us to the area was that our new home would be next door to my parents (at that time) and my brother and his family lived nearby. I had grown up in the Valley and have always known most everyone in the Chipmonk Valley; the residents are genuine, caring, kind people.

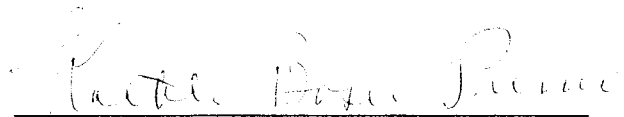
21. Today we enjoy the serenity of the area, and the peacefulness and the privacy of our land. The back of our home looks out over the Chipmonk hills. One sad factor that has occurred to me is that, in looking over the Allegany Wind project design, I realize that the turbine that will be closest to our home will most certainly be in the direction where we look for early morning sunrises - it is painfully apparent to me that we will be impacted by flicker from the rising sun hitting turbine blades.

22. I am informed and believe that shadow flicker from industrial wind turbines is highly annoying and linked to the onset of migraine headaches.

23. Visitors to our home have often commented about how beautiful and clear the night sky is around our home and how beautiful are the stars. My husband and I often

watch stars at night - especially in August when there are meteor showers. I am concerned that flashing red lights from the 29 turbines planned for our Valley will ruin that experience.

24. Thus, our Chipmonk homes and the area are dear to me and my family members and many who live here. We enjoy the quiet beauty and life that the area offers us today. Many in the Chipmonk area are, as I am, truly saddened by the plan for a wind farm that would result in visual blight, industrial noise marring of the quiet peace, and the smearing the simple beauty of our area with new heavy truck traffic and the new access roads they require.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28th day of September, 2011



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