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From: **Taylor Woodhams** <taylorwoodhams@gmail.com>
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Subject: Thoughts on wind project
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Dear Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners,

I am sorry to be late in gathering and sharing my thoughts on this most recent application from the Overland Pass Energy team. I unfortunately am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting due to being out of town. I talked with commissioner Ron Berges this afternoon, and he suggested I send an email to you three. I also talked with commissioner Howard McCormick as well. First, I would like to acknowledge that I understand that your vote at tomorrow's meeting is on whether an application has been filled out completely and accurately. I understand that you have ear-fulls coming in from both sides on this matter. I understand that you cannot tell a landowner in this county what they can and cannot do with their property if there is no illegal doing.

My stance against this project first and foremost, comes not from a place of numbers and politics, but it comes from an extremely appreciative eye of the beauty God has created and put on the south table of Sedgwick County. I truly believe the unbroken skyline on the south table is a slice of heaven on Earth.

I was able to attend and speak my piece at the first round of meetings regarding the first application that this project had submitted. I remember walking away from that meeting, feeling sad still, that the project was approved, but I felt we (those against this project) had gained a "small" win. 2,500ft or 2x the height of the tower whichever is greater seemed like a small victory, but a victory nonetheless, in the grand scheme of things. That was for 180+ towers. They are now coming in with an application essentially doubling the number of towers. 300+ towers in a county as small as Sedgwick County is ridiculous for lack of a better term. With them doubling the number of towers, why don't we double the setbacks for non-participating landowners' property line? It seems fair, considering the new project size.

Another concern I had, which Howard cleared up for me, was that my husband Cody and I are listed on a document within the Overland Pass special use

permit, titled "Property Within 500ft of Project". With the 2,500ft or 2x tower height whichever is greater setback from non-participating landowners' property line, this list should not exist. Howard did confirm to me that it would be impossible for a tower to go up closer than 2,500ft from my property line. But I did want to raise awareness of this list, and that it does cause concern for non-participating landowners. I have attached the document to this email for reference.

We have a handful of close neighbors to our county that have had wind projects built, that are presently still here today. I struggle to find where these economies are booming from all their wind project money. I think this is something to be aware of also, that these projects have come into our neighbor's territory, and have not fulfilled their monetary promises. I realize that this project may be from a different company than our neighbors, but it is something to be weary of.

It is truly a shame what this project will do to the beauty of the south table. I have two two-year-olds, who will be looking at these eye sore wind towers when they're my age. It breaks my heart that they will never be able to enjoy the beauty of an unbroken skyline on the south table of Sedgwick County. It breaks my heart that I will no longer be able to as well. What I have known to be "God's Country" because of the views that don't break for miles, will no longer be. Howard and Ron, thank you for your time on the phone this afternoon. Don, I didn't have your number, but I know you would have given me your time as well. Thank you all for taking the time to read my two cents.

Sincerely,

Taylor Woodhams