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**From:** Paul & Janna Swanson <swanfarm@ncn.net>  
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US Department of Energy Staff,

I do understand that we have a need for renewable resources and how they are steadily gaining support. I do not believe that the way to garner new support for the industry is through force. Thousands of miles of new transmission is incredibly invasive especially when it is not a public utility but rather a business venture where land will be taken and "compensation" will only mean liquidation and blight. There are 48,000 wind turbines in the US generating 4% of the market. To bring that to even just 30% we will need 360,080 turbines with corresponding transmission. It seems as though the thought requires a lot from the folks in rural areas so that the cities can plug in but still keep their stellar, coastal views.

Our best wind resources are located offshore in the oceans and in the Great Lakes. All of these places are far closer to load centers yet have not one turbine built on them. Yes, it is more expensive but also 3X more efficient and it would cut out many miles of transmission which would also cut line loss. I have lived on Lake Superior and I would've screamed to see wind turbines go up in the Lake so I understand the opposition to such things. All I'm saying is that long before the DoE decides to force these monstrous projects on the states they need to first use that heavy hand of power to erect at least 48,000 turbines off the coast. Better to destroy views than to destroy private property.

I want you to measure the 145'-200' needed for these corridors and imagine it being your land, your home, your business. Imagine the destruction of the land, the trees, the habitat for thousands of miles affecting thousands upon thousands of lives.

If anyone truly reads this please send a quick reply.

Thank-you,

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