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Re: Your letter dated May 19, 2006

Dear Mr. Peck:

I am somewhat puzzled by your letter dated May 19, 2006. In our meeting, neither Jim Hurson, Joanna Velencia nor I suggested a specific configuration or specific setback for your project. What we did suggest is that you carefully review the transcripts of the public hearing and provide a revised proposal that meets the issues and comments offered by the Board of County Commissioners.

We did inquire as to why the internal strings of turbines that were included in earlier proposals have been eliminated to a large degree in your current proposal and if turbines were placed at these internal string locations the number of turbines located on the perimeter could be reduced and thereby increase the setbacks to non-participating property owners.

We also discussed the fact that the 65 turbines in your current proposal was a number you developed. The county had previously requested that you establish a specific number as it was unclear whether you intended to build 64 or 80 or something in between. In our recent conversation we did not suggest you build an eighty turbine project, rather we suggested that a variety of options were available to you based on the environmental review that has taken place that could meet a greater setback. We all agreed that staff could not design your project. You agreed you would review those options.

We also requested in our meeting that you identify what economic viability is and provide some analysis to support your needs. You refused to provide this information stating that it was proprietary information and would not be made public.

It is not possible for staff to be clearer than the Commissioner's comments on the record. It is unfortunate that if you were unsure of the Commissioner's direction you did not take the opportunity to enter into a dialog at the public hearing as was requested by the Commissioners. I am certain that the Commissioners would have been more than willing to provide additional clarity had you chosen to enter into the discussion that was offered.

I hope this response is helpful to your efforts.

Sincerely,

Darryl Piercy
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Cc: James Hurson
Joanna Velencia

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