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Re: Shaffer Mt. wind turbines

Rep. Thomas Yewcic
1605 Graham Ave.
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Dear Representative Yewcic;

The Central City Water Authority is writing in reference to the recent proposed wind turbines to be located on Shaffer Mountain, Shade Township, Somerset County.

As citizens of the area, we are in favor of environmentally safe economic growth. But as board members of the water authority, it is our duty to protect the area in which our wells are located to supply water to the citizens of Central City Borough and parts of Shade Township.

If you are not aware, our watershed is located on Shaffer Mountain. We have two (2) wells on line at the present time, and a third proposed well site for future supply to our customers. We also have a reservoir (Beaverdam Run Reservoir) that is supplied by many springs. Although the reservoir is not being utilized at this time, due the lack of updates with DEP regulations, it could be a back-up water source in the future. The water authority owns two (2) acres of property surrounding the reservoir and a seventy-nine (79) acre tract just east of the reservoir. The Mauch Chunk and Burgoon rock formations, which are the source of Central City Water Authority's wells, comprise of an excellent aquifer unit in the Allegheny Mountain watersheds. The Mauch Chunk/Burgoon aquifer supplies at least twenty-three (23), high-yield wells for local municipalities as verified by hydrogeologist James Casselberry & Associates in his letter of recommendations for well field development dated of January 5, 1995.

In closing, due to this large recharge area which supplies the Central City Water Authority, the board is in opposition of the wind turbine project. The lack of information showing that this project will not have an adverse effect now or in the future with our water supply has made us come to this conclusion.

Sincerely,