



### **Information ABC Needs to Evaluate and Prioritize its Involvement in Wind Energy Projects**

ABC receives numerous requests to oppose poorly sited wind energy projects and their associated power lines and towers. Unfortunately, it has limited resources—both human and financial—to involve itself in every poorly sited project. Below is the information that we need to evaluate ABC involvement:

1. Name of the project and developer?
2. Location? County, state, nearest city or town, coordinates?
3. Size of the project-number of turbines and height?
4. Is it near protected areas (national wildlife refuges, national parks, state parks, or Important bird areas)?
5. Is it in a major migratory route for birds and bats, such as the Great Lakes shoreline?
6. If offshore, is it close to marine bird breeding colonies?
7. What kinds of birds (and bats) are known to use the area, particularly federally or state protected species, including species of conservation concern and those listed under the Endangered Species Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, or Migratory Bird Treaty Act?
8. What is the source of this information? (e.g., publications, local Audubon chapters, local ornithologists, e-bird, etc.)? Contact information for sources available?
9. Has the developer conducted a –pre-construction risk analysis? If so, has it been made available for public review? Please send us a copy or link.
10. What is the developer proposing to do to mitigate bird and bat losses?
11. Has the developer stated its intention to apply for incidental take permits under the Endangered Species Act or Bald and Golden Eagle protection Act (if these species are present)?
12. Has the developer a plan to record bird and bat mortality data post-construction? If so, will those studies be conducted by independent, third-party experts using standardized methods or by paid consultants to the developer?
13. Do local opposition groups exist? Contact information?
14. If ABC were to become involved, who should it contact in local government, including local siting boards, elected officials, purchasers of power, etc.?

Having this information will both make it possible for ABC to evaluate and prioritize your request and to comment on the project from a scientific perspective.

Thank you. Send all information to:

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