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Save Ontario Shores calls on Attorney General to investigate Apex

Save Ontario Shores (SOS), the local citizens organization formed to fight the proposed industrial wind turbine project in Niagara and Orleans counties, is calling on New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to investigate the questionable tactics of Apex Clean Energy. The Virginia-based company has proposed installation of an unspecified number of massive industrial wind turbines, which would soar to 620 feet.

At issue is a March 7, 2016, presentation to the Buffalo Sierra Club by an Apex representative that attempted to discredit SOS.

Bo Shuff, an Apex consultant, claimed that SOS is part of a larger national anti-wind effort that involves 23 groups, that SOS is comprised of “migratory people” who move from place to place to battle wind projects and that SOS is financially supported by people “whose name begins with k and ends in h.”

“The portion of Mr. Shuff’s presentation which focused on Save Ontario Shores was shocking and blatantly false,” said SOS president Pam Atwater

In a letter to Attorney General Schneiderman, Atwater enumerated several false or misleading statements made by Shuff. She is asking the Attorney General to investigate Apex.

“There are growing concerns among local residents about the reckless tactics Apex is using in their attempts to sway public opinion, and their use of false and misleading information about this project and deceptive information regarding the dedicated New York State residents who are raising their voices against it.

“New York State has removed home rule from residents regarding the placement of large electrical generating projects and they face a host of barriers to voicing concerns,” Atwater said. “Additionally, they have almost no actual authority to approve or disapprove of the project. These residents should not have to endure rumors and falsehoods that assault their integrity and dedication to the well-being of their towns and indeed, to the State of New York.”