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Re: Article 10 Siting Board Members

Dear Mr. Riggi and Mr. Mullane:

The Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC) was established after the 1995 BRAC process when the 914th Airlift Wing was reviewed for possible closure. Since that time NIMAC has continued as a supportive force for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS) in the local community and nationally. NIMAC has been the community lead in mitigating negative actions to the base in BRAC 1995, 2005 and the 2012 USAF Force Structure Adjustment.

The Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC) is a volunteer led organization. We assist the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS), local governments, the State of New York, our congressional delegation and the Department of Defense (DoD) to enhance the units and infrastructure at the NFARS. Our efforts, in collaboration with the community, state and congressional delegation, have led to accelerated federal investment in the facility in excess of 100 million dollars.

It is with this concern in mind that we write you to express concern with the proposal by APEX Clean Energy to construct 70 or more 600 foot wind turbines along the shores of Lake Ontario.

NIMAC is researching this issue very closely and we have found a number of studies that conclude that large wind turbine projects that are in close proximity to military bases can have negative impacts on the effectiveness of military radars and flight operations.

The NFARS currently is rated very favorably by the military in the area of "encroachment" on operations; a key criteria in determining the future of military bases. Keeping the base free of any potential encroachments on radar and flight operations will be critical for the future of this military installation.

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The purpose of this letter is not to advocate for or against the APEX proposal at this point, but to insist that any evaluation of the project include a thorough and complete study of any potential negative impact(s) these structures could have on the operation of current and future missions at the NFARS.

Not to take this issue into consideration could jeopardize the future of the base and the 3000 people who work there.

NIMAC would be pleased to assist you by providing any studies or technical data you might need to complete this very important analysis. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John A. Cooper, Sr.

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