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Subject: Re: OPSB Rules Stakeholder Call

Mr. Wolf,

I have in the past and I have also spoke by phone with the engineers on staff in the PUCO office. They confirmed the fact that the projects have site visits from the PUCO staff, but with no power to review the project as they are completed, this is left to the companies engineer or project manager. In the same type of construction that I have been involved with over the past 30 years, we see inspections that have real teeth from either state inspectors or local inspectors is ensure that all the points of the documents are followed. Mr. Randazzo and I have had conversations about the lack of inspectors having no input during the construction phase. I have submitted books with documents to Mr. Randazzo on two occasions of what are concerns of the installation of the underground medium voltage cables, to the PSI testing for the concrete along with lighting protection not being required, but rather an option. Between all the projects that we are faced with here in Northwest Ohio, I feel there is no possible way that all the information is reviewed by the board. As I have watched the testimony in Columbus at the PUCO in regards to the rules change, this portion was skipped over, with the concerns of the safer setbacks to either match or exceed the safety documents from the manufacture, and I do agree with changing of the setbacks.

It seems to me that these construction firms have been treated as an Utility Company, and not as contractors. These are people that are from out of state, and in some cases they are from outside the USA. No requirement for State license of any type, and the only over site they have are their own project managers and engineers. I have sent documentation to Senators and representatives on the depth requirements by the NEC is a total of 24-inches for a medium voltage cable, but a farmer has a deep subsoiler that can reach 21-inches, and who is watching this? Medium voltage cables can not be surrounded by sharp stones or edges, but yet this area of Ohio can be sand in one place and 100 yards down stream it is bedrock, and quartz, Who is watching this process? The National Electrical Code is the **minimum** requirements of what is required. Guidelines should not only be set buy the safety requirements by the manufacture, but by the building compliance of Ohio, as they see these projects day by day. Rather it's a building or a wind tower, these people in to have a say in the safe insulation of these projects. So as I have emailed so many Senators and Representatives along with people in DC along the way, the need to have local over site by state and or local inspections are needed, but yet over looked. Thank you for your time.