

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application)
of Champaign Wind LLC for a)
Certificate to Install Electricity) **Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN**
Generating Wind Turbines in)
Champaign County)

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MILO SCHAFFNER ON BEHALF
OF INTERVENORS UNION NEIGHBORS UNITED, INC.,
ROBERT AND DIANE McCONNELL, AND JULIA F. JOHNSON**

Q.1. Please state your name and address.

A.1. My name is Milo Schaffner. My address is 16525 Wetzel Road, Van Wert, OH 45891.

Q.2. What is your occupation?

A.2. I am a grain farmer and the general manager of Schaffner Tool and Die, Inc. I am also a township trustee for Hoaglin Township in Van Wert County. However, I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity, not in my capacity as a township trustee.

Q.3. Are you familiar with any wind turbines in your township of residence?

A.3. Yes, 38 wind turbines in the Blue Creek Wind Farm have been installed and are being operated in Hoaglin Township. One of these wind turbines is located approximately a mile from my home.

Q.4. Since you are a township trustee, have you received any complaints about the operation of the Blue Creek Wind Farm?

A.4. Yes. Members of at least 14 families have complained to me that the noise from the wind turbines is loud, annoying, and disturbing. Members of two of these families have informed me that turbine noise prevents them from falling asleep or awakes them at

night. Five families have complained to me that the turbines interfere with their television reception.

Q.5. Has Blue Creek Wind Farm caused any problems with the township's roads?

A.5. Prior to the construction of the wind turbines, the township's roads were smooth with no potholes or pothole patches. During construction of the wind farm, the concrete trucks and the trucks hauling turbine parts caused damage to the township's roads. The wind farm owner paid for patches on the road, but road patches cause unpleasant, bumpy rides and are prone to deterioration. The county engineer asked the wind farm's owner to resurface the roads to restore them to the same condition as prior to wind farm construction, but the owner of the wind farm refused to do so.

Q.6. Do you know whether Blue Creek Wind Farm has a complaint resolution process?

A.6. Yes, I know that a complaint resolution process has been established by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Q.7. Are you familiar with any problems with the complaint resolution process set up for Blue Creek Wind Farm?

A.7. Yes. I have been receiving about one phone call per week from township residents who do not know what telephone number to call to submit their complaints about problems caused by the wind farm. The wind farm needs to do a better job of informing the township residents about how to contact the wind farm with their complaints.

Q.8. Are you familiar with the Timber Road II Wind Farm in Paulding County, Ohio?

A.8. Yes. I traveled to this wind farm in April 2012 to observe some damage that had occurred to one of the turbines in this wind farm during a storm.

Q.9. Did you see any damage to the blades on any of these turbines?

A.9. Yes. I saw that two blades of one of the turbines in the Timber Road II Wind Farm had been damaged. Pieces of the blades were lying in the field in which the turbine was located. In addition, blade pieces from the turbine were lying near a roadside ditch about 30 feet from the center of a public road. These blade pieces were lying about 100 feet from the home of a family on the other side of the road. The size of these pieces was approximately six inches by three inches.

Q.10. Do you know how far the blade pieces traveled from the turbine tower?

A.10. Yes. I saw blade pieces that were scattered throughout portions of the field. One of these blade pieces of about one foot by one foot in size had landed on the western side of the road about 1158 feet from the turbine tower. I also saw blade pieces along the public road that were located about 1561 feet from the turbine tower. A relative of the occupants of the nearby house also informed me during my visit that some people removed blade pieces from the yard of that house.

Q.11. How did you calculate the distance that the blade pieces had traveled from the turbine tower?

A.11. As shown on the attachment to this testimony, I calculated the distance between the turbine tower and the blade piece on the east side of the field by using a simple mathematical formula. My calculations are attached as Exhibit A. I used a measuring wheel to measure the distances of 868 feet along one public road and 767 feet along another public road that adjoin the field. This information showed that the blade piece had traveled about 1158 feet from the turbine tower. I calculated the distance between the turbine tower and the blade pieces near the public road by using the same method.

My calculations are attached as Exhibit B. This information showed that the blade pieces along the public road had traveled about 1561 feet from the turbine tower.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on November 5, 2012, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail on M. Howard Petricoff (mhpetricoff@vorys.com); Michael J. Settineri (mjsettineri@vorys.com); Miranda Leppla (mrleppla@vorys.com); Chad Endsley (cendsley@ofbf.org); Nick Selvaggio (nselvaggio@champaignprosecutor.com); Jane Napier (jnapier@champaignprosecutor.com), Stephen Reilly (Stephen.Reilly@puc.state.oh.us), Devin Parram (Devin.Parram@puc.state.oh.us); Kurt P. Helfrich (Kurt.Helfrich@ThompsonHine.com); Philip B. Sineneng (Philip.Sineneng@ThompsonHine.com); Ann B. Zallocco (Ann.Zallocco@ThompsonHine.com); G.S. Weithman (diroflaw@ctcn.net).

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EXHIBIT A

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

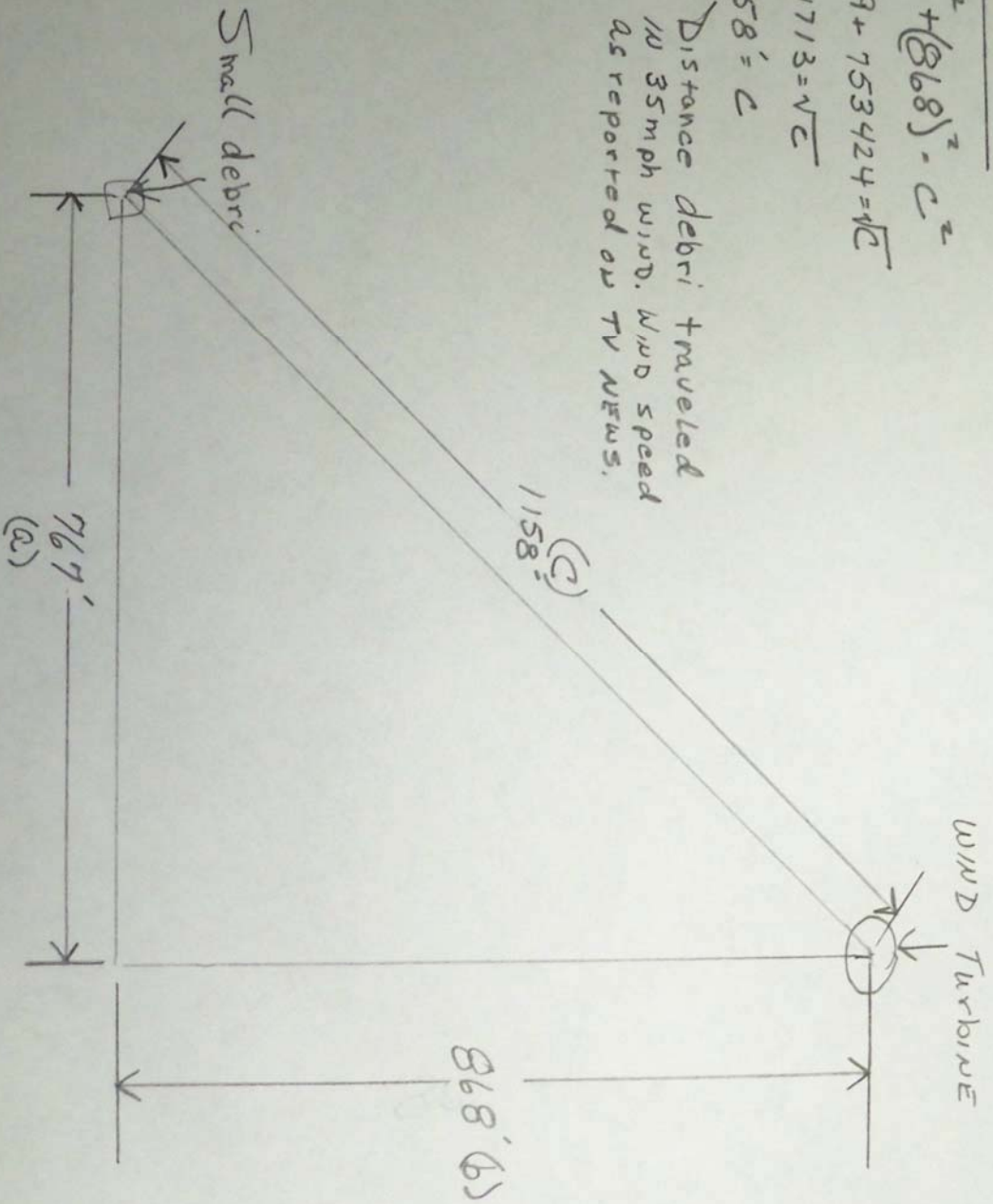
$$(767)^2 + (868)^2 = c^2$$

$$588289 + 753424 = \sqrt{c}$$

$$1341713 = \sqrt{c}$$

$$1158 = c$$

c = Distance debris traveled
in 35 mph wind. Wind speed
as reported on TV news.

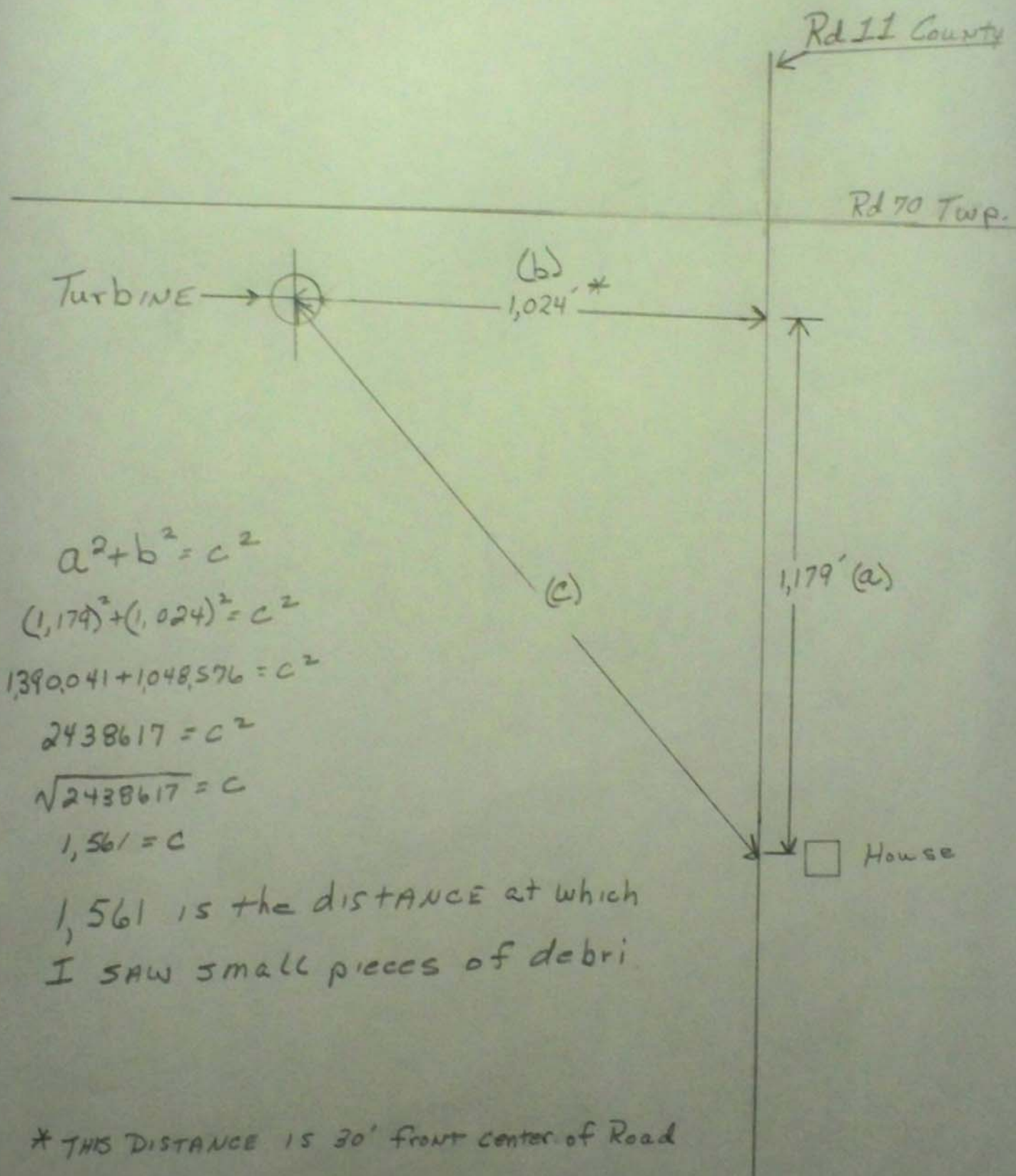


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EXHIBIT B

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