

Original Questions:

All of the below questions pertain either to the Gail Wind Project or Duke Energy Corporation and are beyond the scope of this project.

1. What is Duke's total project cost?
2. How much investment and how much profit would Duke make in this project?
3. Has Duke Energy offered area residents and County and Township officials the opportunity to tour wind farms comparable with this proposed project in terms of equipment, set-backs, and noise level?
4. Has Duke Energy offered area residents and County officials the opportunity to tour comparable wind farms in terms of equipment, set-backs, noise level, etc.? Have they offered to arrange for local people to visit and talk with folks who actually live with a wind farm comparable to the proposed wind farm?
5. What are you able to discern about Duke Energy's track record responding to noise, flicker, property value, tax, and other real, not theoretical, disputes in the other communities where it has erected wind turbines?
6. Will Duke really be a good neighbor? What proof can they provide?
7. Duke should maintain a physical presence in northwest Michigan permanently to handle any problems that arise for Dukes installations – or be able to have a representative in the county within 24 hours? (This may be overkill, but since Duke is an out-of-state company, I do not want them building and leaving.)
8. Has there been any thought of Duke providing funding for energy-related education programs for the county – technical training so that local people are trained to do the maintenance on the turbines? I don't know the ethics of this, but paying \$20,000 or whatever the contract says to the landowners does not off-set the potential disruption to the residents. Local people should at least be trained and hired for the jobs.
9. If the FAA does not approve the site, what is Duke's next step to get a waiver or approval?
10. What is the total number of Duke-proposed wind turbines in all phases of stages of the project in Benzie and Manistee Counties?
11. Is Duke studying other sites in Benzie, Manistee, Leelanau, or Grand Traverse Counties for additional wind turbines?