



# Palouse Patriot

*Seeking truth wherever it may be found. Speaking boldly no matter the cost.*

## INDUSTRIAL *Wind Turbines*

- Started Over Thirty Years Ago as a Tax-Evasion Scheme
- Are Misrepresented as a Legitimate Energy Source
- Are Not Now and Never Have Been Financially Viable
- Have Never, Anywhere, Replaced an Existing Energy Source
- Require a Massive, Continuous Back-Up Source of Electricity
- Draw Energy Out of the Grid Over 70% of the Time
- Are a Negative when Included in the Overall Energy Mix
- Destroy the Natural Environment and Wildlife
- Rob Neighbors of Their Property Value
- Create Low Frequency Sound Waves Causing Health Problems
- Transfer Money from Rate Payer/Tax Payer to Fat-Cat Elites
- Have No Net Effect on Carbon Dioxide Reduction
- Cause Electric Rates to Sky-Rocket
- Are Currently Making White House Advisors Filthy Rich
- Are Now a Government-Controlled Money Laundering Scheme

***BIG Wind divides people into Two Groups –***

***Those few who reap financial benefit and ALL the rest of the people who get ripped-off. The UNINTENDED Consequences are:***

- Ruined Family Relationships
- Divided Communities
- Churches Split Asunder

For those who choose to participate in the wind farm fraud, enjoy your “Thirty Pieces of Silver” as you dismiss your neighboring property owner’s tranquil rural lifestyle.

**Industrial wind farms would**

**NOT EXIST if not for**

***Greed***

***Before allowing commercial wind farms to BLOW into your neighborhood, DO YOUR HOMEWORK!***

***If you are enticed by “promises,” BEWARE.***

***The main goal is PLUNDER, not energy production.***

Wind is GREEN like fresh dung from a cow on spring pasture.

# Tilting at Windmills

I have rewritten this article many times in the past month. Some readers already know that we have been fighting a wind farm development in our area for the last two years. My initial version was about what it's like to "fight city hall," because that's what I thought we were doing. I focused on the hundreds of hours of research we've done, the obstacles, citizen apathy, being marginalized and shunned by neighbors. I talked about the serene setting of our little ranch, what we've been through and what we stand to lose -- **but that has all changed now.**

First, let me say that I believe the Lord led us to this place, this beautiful Palouse region where we live, "for such a time as this." That being said, when we learned about the proposed wind farm, we got involved and tried to tell people about the negatives of wind energy. We knew no media outlet would tell the truth and we knew what the facts were. We saw the devastation **first-hand** in California. So, for two years we have fought to keep ourselves, our rural neighbors and the environment safe from the damages caused by commercial wind farms. Then, recently it came to us. We are not fighting a huge corporation, the planning commission or even the county commissioners. We are fighting EVIL. We have actually been in a spiritual battle. **How could we have missed it?** We've known for a long time that our country is in a spiritual battle, but we just didn't quite connect all the dots down to the local level.

It has taken us a long time to fully understand what we are up against. Both Rick and I were raised by "virtuous" parents. We were taught to be honest, to play fair and to work hard. We are simply unaccustomed to thinking any-

thing but the best about people. We were taught to believe that people would "do the right thing." The **reality** of our upbringing has distorted our **perceptions**. That is where we went wrong. Not all people have integrity.

What we have been battling is evil in the form of corruption, greed and dishonesty on several levels. What we have seen is local elected officials doing whatever they want, regardless of what the voting public desires. We have seen the county planner comport himself in a way that gives the strong impression that he has something to gain by promoting the wind developer's agenda. We have seen neighbors who are so blinded by the opportunity to financially benefit, that they don't care who or what they harm. Commercial wind farms are not about energy production -- **they are about money and greed.** It is just as the *Bible* tells us: "*The love of money is the root of all evil.*"

When any special-interest scheme, such as commercial wind development, is massively beneficial to a **very select few** and so detrimental to the vast majority -- that is EVIL.

If you are so inclined, pray for us and know that this situation is not foreign to our location. If you look at your local area, you will probably find what we have found. **Evil is most likely already there.** Do not be fooled. Instead of worrying about what is going on in Washington, D.C., where you have no influence, pay attention to your local area where you might actually make a difference. Corruption is everywhere. It is epidemic. Pray much and work hard. We must do what is right at all costs and stand up for TRUTH, even though you will certainly pay a price, as Rick and I have.

~ **Carolyn Kiesz**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following was Roger Whitten's presentation to the Whitman County Superior Court Judge. It is his argument against the County Prosecutor's "Motion to Dismiss" an Appeal of the county's Commercial Wind Ordinance. This is his plea to the judge, to let a citizen have his day in court. The Appeal was never read or considered by the court. There was no day in court. The Appeal was dismissed outright. However, it is useful for citizens to see the obstacles we are up against in the judicial system, even on a local level. This injustice is happening EVERYWHERE.

Whitman County's position is that the threat of losing my home, the value of my home, and my health does not cause harm. Under the County's definition of harm, it is OK to put a gun to someone's head as long as the trigger is not pulled. The reality is that the threat is harmful. Must I live with the threat of industrial wind turbines looming over my house indefinitely? Shall I continue to improve and invest in my property with this threat continually present and with no hope of resolve until the permitting process for industrial wind turbines is started? If I sell my home, I must disclose this threat, which, of course, devalues my property. Is that not harm? Anyone who contemplates living in a home that someday may need to be abandoned due to low frequency noise pollution, will find the harm of this threat obvious.

The law says the County must assure safe, healthful surroundings. I am not assured. Whitman County should follow the law. Instead the County flaunts the law. Furthermore, the County violates the spirit of the Constitution when it attempts to have my appeal dismissed. "*We the People*" means that it is our government and that the government should work for us, not against us. It is clearly in the public interest to promote debate on important topics that affect the social welfare. An appeals process is part of that debate. All we are asking for is ten minutes to state why an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

Must we obtain a lawyer in order to have our appeals heard? Is the appeal process closed to the average citizen who can in no way afford a lawyer? Is an appeal system, that is open to the wealthy, but closed to the majority, an example of a government for the people?

Public servants who are true to the spirit of the Constitution understand the meaning of "*We the People*"— they understand that the voices of the citizens should not be silenced for reasons of convenience. In a people's government, we have a right to speak — especially when the government has invited us to speak by offering us an appeals process.

If the "case law" the County cites supports barring our First Amendment rights, it should be set aside. When there is a conflict of laws, the more fundamental law prevails. As

Alexander Hamilton states in *Federalist Paper #81*:

***The Constitution ought to be the standard of construction for the laws, and that wherever there is an evident opposition, the laws ought to give place to the Constitution.***

The people believe in the Constitution. Will the people's faith in government continue if the Constitution's meaning and spirit are tossed aside in favor of some trivial case law?

**We the People.** It is our government and we wish to be heard. After all, it is in the public interest to promote debate. It is also in the public interest to instill a sense of faith in the judicial system.

Denying Whitman County's motion to dismiss will be a signal to the community that the Court believes in the Constitution in the same way that the people do. Justice demands that we do the right thing and everyone knows that it is wrong for a government to offer its citizens an appeal process and then attempt to circumvent that process with a motion to dismiss.



**If the government is for it, I am against it.**

As long as the politicians take money from corporations, PACs, political parties, and others who are not entitled to vote for them, I do not expect any governmental policy to be truly for the people.

The fact that the government and the corporate media are in favor of industrial wind power should tell you that something devious is going on.

Why do they lie about the cost of wind power? Why do they lie about imaginary environmental benefits of wind power? Why do they lie about wind power's ability to meet increased demand for electricity?

Why do they need a propaganda machine called Wind Works? Even the name is a lie.

Go to **wind-watch.org**. Learn some truth.

If you cannot smell a rat, then you will end up living amongst them.

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~ **Roger Whitten**