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To Committee Clerk
Environment and Sustainability Committee,
National Assembly for Wales,
Cardiff Bay, CF99-INA.

Objection to increase of Wind Turbines,
and any Pylons to connect the small percentage of Electric produced by these Wind
Turbines to the National Grid.

I was born in the Wales Vyrnwy Valley, and am now well into my Eighty Fifth year, and lived near here most of my life, also all our family, and their families live in the area of the proposed siting of these Pylons, everybody, especially those living near the Substations, are devastated that the National Grid, or the Welsh Assembly would even think of putting these Huge Ugly Pylons in this Beautiful Area of Wales. This area is the entry to the lovely countryside of mid Wales, where there are many local Holiday Caravan sites, and walks, with many tourists visiting, this is the main route for tourists travelling in cars and by bus from Shropshire, the West Midlands, and Cheshire, towns, and beyond, viewing Wales/s lovely countryside.. Day trippers, passing through to the seaside, and caravan sites, they will not stop or visit this area to support small local village shops, or towns, or stay in the local Pubs, or Hotels.

We have got a caravan on site in the countryside near Machynlleth, and notice that the wind turbines, do not turn if the wind is a certain strength, and when no wind, it is very rare that we see them operating, they cost a vast amount of money to erect, and maintain, it seems a waste of money that we, the tax payer, will in time have to stand the cost and loss, with the ever increasing cost of our electric bills, we strongly object to any more turbines built on these hills to further damage this countryside, and also damage the roadways, that have not got the right infrustructure to transport these massive heavy turbines, many we have seen passing along the A483 road through Four Crosses, that caused, large queues in both directions, and if Pylons were erected, think of the cost of the land taken, for ever, with underground wires, most of the land would be returned, also cost of the products, and the amount of traffic to deliver the steel, stone, concrete, and wires etc, we cannot believe that it is cheaper than wires underground,

Summary.

1. Property values would crash, many who have bought their houses recently in the area are saying they would not have moved into the district if they thought these Pylons would be built anywhere near them.
2. People would not buy, or rent Caravans for their holidays near any Pylons

3. Many low flying Helicopters, and small Air Craft from the Airport at Welshpool, and Shawbury in training, surely any High Pylons and Wires would be extremely dangerous. and business would be lost at the airport.

4. Tourists would not visit the area, losing trade and employment for Hotels, and guest houses.

5. These Pylons would devastate the lovely countryside forever.

6. The Welsh Assembly, Scottish Power, and the National Grid, should listen to the people that live in this area, to earn a living, if they are over ruled, this long term project, NO PYLONS should be erected to devastate this countryside for ever. Even at extra cost the wires should be put underground.

Electric prices keep rising, many Pensioners (including ourselves) and low paid are having to save on the electric, so is their need to increase production.

We have had Solar panels on the roof of our Bungalow for seven years, and get most of our hot water produced by the sun, if the cost of solar panels for electric were made cheaper, or subsidised, and made compulsory, surely this would solve the problem.

Yours Faithfully,

David T Jones.

