

## SB279 Written Testimony

My name is Greg Allen and I live in Nemaha County Kansas and I am in complete support of bill SB279. I want to give you an insight on my life during and after next air windfarm called Soldier Creek.. I live and farm on the heavy haul route and I can tell you from first hand experience that NexAir will do and say anything they want to convince a landowner to sign up their land and after they get in the process of construction their rules are the only rules that apply. They have no compassion or respect for a landowners rights even the ones that did not sign up. These are my experiences with the company.

1. They have destroyed our nice gravel roads that were made with a small crown in the middle but when nexair came in they flattened them completely not only letting the water run down the middle of the road but they also filled the grader ditches that we did have with dirt and gravel when they graded the roads flat.

2. Nexair also turned around in my driveway that had a low water crossing for a driveway, the large dirt and gravel trucks drove over the cement crossing and covered it completely with dirt. It took 6-8 times calling the manager of the project to get any results and it isn't fixed like it was suppose to be.

3. I had to live for 6 months with hundreds of rock trucks and pickups and huge semi tractors pulling the large turbines and cranes. Some days I was having 80-90 trucks per hour. Just remember I live on a single lane gravel road. The dust and noise was constant and very obtrusive.

4. Another one of my farms is also on the heavy haul route. One day as I was traveling down to look at my field I noticed a large road grader sitting in my field. I watched for a while and the grader proceeded to turn around in my field 2 times. Thats all I could handle so I went over and had a talk with the driver and asked him what he was doing and he said that he didn't want to drive to the corner to turn around so he used my field and by his own admission he did it 15-20 times. Nexair has informed me that they wont pay for damages to my field let alone the idea of trespassing so many times.

5 On this same field they plugged my drain tile and it took for ever and multiple calls to get that problem fixed and they did not fix it like it should of been. They just cleaned a small strip but avoided a long drainage ditch to a water crossing. The other side of the farm was also damaged as they cut the water into my hay field causing a ditch in the field

Now that they are up why should we be subjected to the noise and shadow flicker which happens quite frequently. The constant flashing of the lights and noise that the turbines make. Also according to their rule book there is a hard hat zone that extends 1500 feet from the base of the turbine to the edge of the safety zone, however they are allowed to put a tower 600 feet from my property line. How is that even possible when 900 feet of the danger area would be into my property. If I was walking fence or working by that area I would, according to their specks, be in the danger zone and need to wear a hard hat. Thats really not what I would consider being a good neighbor. There is a constant humming of the motors and a ever present wind noise from each of the turbines and I am surrounded by them. I have 9 ranging from 3000 feet to 1 and 1/4 mile from my house and I can hear and see them all the time. I feel like I was not given any consideration when these things were installed. If I wanted to hear industrial noise and see continuous lights flashing I would live in a city but I chose a rural life style to avoid these things and now with no say in this matter I am surrounded by wind turbines.

Thanks Greg Allen