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Attn: Mr. Michael Blaich
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Federal Aviation Administration, ASW-520
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RE: Aeronautical Studies 2007-AAL-414-OE and 2007-AAL-415-OE

Dear Mr. Blaich,

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing over 413,000 members nationwide, strongly objects to the proposed wind turbines near Old Harbor Airport (6R7), Old Harbor, Alaska.

We are concerned that the proposed location and height of these structures will have negative impacts to operations at 6R7.

The planned height of 295 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL) and location of these wind turbines would create a substantial hazard for aircraft operating at 6R7. The wind turbines are well inside the pattern altitude and less than ¼ nm away from the airport. During conditions of reduced visibility, the turbines could become difficult to spot. Because of the structure's planned height and location, the likelihood for a collision between aircraft and these wind turbines is significant.

Old Harbor is located on remote Kodiak Island, which has very few transportation options. There appears to be no established, navigable roads to other sections of the island, nor bridges connecting the island to mainland Alaska or other islands in the general vicinity. The only other transportation option is by boat, which is much slower than air travel. Old Harbor is very remote, and air transportation provides extremely vital services to the small population of this community.

AOPA strongly suggests that the wind turbines be relocated to a different location so operations at Old Harbor Airport are not impacted.

We recommend that the FAA find these wind turbines a hazard to aerial navigation, if the proponent cannot move the structures. We thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully,

Brent Hart
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