

Happy New Year?

Welcome to 2007! For those of you who thought that 2006 was quite a year in the wind turbine debate, it looks like we're in for more of the same in 2007. **UPC Wind** has just posted a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (**SEIS**) for the latest revision of their proposed wind power project, and it's the same old shell game of trying to sell their project by **exaggerating claims and minimizing impact**.

What does the new SEIS exaggerate and minimize?

- *The power output is grossly exaggerated by touting "up to 90 MW of power generation" when the turbines are known to be 25% efficient at best and probably closer to 10% in our area.*
- *The economic benefits are puffed up by claiming that "Annual revenues... from the PILOT payments are anticipated to average approximately \$700,000 per year for the first 20 years of Project operation" when SCIDA has projected \$45,000 in Year 1, slowly increasing over the years - if any of this can be believed at all.*
- *The anticipated noise intrusion continues to be underestimated by relying on the same flawed sound measurements, computer analyses, and inappropriate background levels.*

And these examples are just the "**tip of the iceberg**" in another paper designed by and for an outside developer. It should be no wonder that 2006's Local Law #2 is now heading for court, and citizens of good will are continuing to resist **inappropriate industrial development** on the open hills of our community.

We're in this struggle for the long haul. While you're thinking over the matter, please take time to read UPC's SEIS yourself. It's available online at www.cohoctonwind.com/about-sdeis.php. Once you've had a chance to wade through all their self-serving boilerplate, come out and visit us online at www.cohoctonfree.com. Browse around and check out the new "**Updates**" section of our site to read the latest news. Then get in touch with us to find out how you can help.

