

Is This Segmentation?

New York's **State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)** requires government agencies to consider environmental impacts equally with social and economic factors when large projects have been proposed. Under this law, **segmentation** is defined as the division of the environmental review of an action so that various activities or stages are addressed as though they were independent, unrelated activities needing individual determinations of significance. Considering only a part or segment of an overall action **is contrary to the intent of SEQR.**

Is "segmentation" going on in our area?

- *Looking at Cohocton alone, we have a proposal for 41 (or is it 48?) turbines in "Phase I" with further "Phases" being suggested.*
- *In neighboring Prattsburgh there are at least 2 active proposals on the table for another 150 or so turbines.*
- *The Town of Italy is investing tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees to resist and avoid similar developments on its hills.*
- *Springwater, Hornby, Hartsville, Perry... the proposals are popping up around us everywhere, setting local communities reeling one Town at a time.*

Yes, Cohocton may be looking only at Lent and Pine Hills today and at Brown Hill tomorrow, but can you see how this is spreading and threatening to **change the very character of an entire region**? We believe the wind farm movement in our area needs to be addressed as a whole before the merits of any individual part can be considered.

Would you like to look into this a bit further? Stop by and check us out online at www.cohoctonfree.com. Click on the "Promises" tab and read about "The Process" that we're involved in. Before you leave, be sure to visit the **new "Updates" section** of our site and read Brad Jones' review of UPC Wind's "Windfarm Prattsburgh" DEIS - then start thinking about what you can do to help.

