

5-5-2026 Ap.Co. BOARD of SUPERVISORS MEETING - MONICA BOEHNING Speech (3 mins)

I'm Monica Boehning, PO Box 1165 Springerville

Good Morning Mr. Chairman, Supervisors, & Staff –

It's time now for this County to enact a Moratorium to suspend any and all applications for renewable energy C.U.P's. **AZ Revised Statute 11-833** sets the standards that counties must follow, and the justifications needed. In this state law, **Subsection C** authorizes a Moratorium on construction or land development, if justified by demonstrating a compelling need to maintain operations of essential public facilities such as police and fire. **Subsection I** also defines water resources as essential public facilities. **Subsection C(2) paragraphs a. & b.** authorize a Moratorium on rural land if existing development ordinances are inadequate to prevent irrevocable public harm from development; and no other means exist to prevent that irrevocable public harm.

In this Citizens Appeal to the County Supervisors [*hold up the package*] , we clearly spell out 2 critical threats on essential public facilities to which the currently-proposed renewable energy projects could indeed cause such harm.

First – Many Federal, State, County, and Municipal LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES rely heavily on radio communications repeaters on the summit of Greens Peak – including Apache County Sheriff's Dept. and Round Valley Police, Fire & Medical. Multiple wind turbines built in their proposed locations will create radio signal interferences between dispatchers in St. Johns and Show Low from reaching Greens Peak repeaters to communicate with law enforcement and emergency field unit radios. The cell phone towers on Greens Peak and TV Knoll can also be impacted, thus interrupting vital communications for the Eastern White Mtns. Area.

An **Existing Baseline Radio Signal Study** – *PLUS* – a **Communications Impacts Analysis** are needed **BEFORE** planned wind farms proceed.

Next – Water levels and existing demands upon the aquifers supplying NE AZ must be studied **NOW** before any new demands, like billions of gallons needed by large industrial developments, are approved.

Also – A revised County Ordinance should be completed and adopted before new C.U.P applications are accepted.

I submit to you now, **359 county resident signatures** collected in just 7 days. We are asking you to place a Moratorium for District III as an Action Item on next month’s meeting agenda, for discussion and a Supervisors’ vote.

Supervisor Davis, will you please sponsor this as an Agenda Action Item?

We will be prepared then to provide technical info, and to answer the Board’s questions on our requested studies, potential consultants, & possible financing. I, (and subject matter experts) can also meet beforehand with representatives of the Sheriff’s Dept. and/or County IT Dept. Radio specialists to show them our concerns in detail, so they can advise you.

Thank you very much!

*[Submit Moratorium Appeal narrative with **signatures package** to the Clerk of the Board, and request a copy of today’s date-stamped cover page.]*