

Wind Turbine Questions to Ask:

Where is the energy produced going?

How many substations would be needed per turbine? What are the costs of the substations?

How long is the lease on the land?

What happens if the owner of the land wants to sell the land? Does the lease continue or transfer to the new owner?

Who pays for damage to roads as a result of building?

Who pays for damage to area land as a result of building?

How many trucks to bring in everything needed?

Crane? Construction Material? Wind Turbine base, blades, etc?

How do these construction materials get to the next location? Crane?

How big is the base and how deep?

How far must be kept away from base for using the land?

What happens if it is on fire?

What are the yearly maintenance costs?

How often do service technicians come? Do they come in pairs for safety? What happens if someone needs to be rescued?

How much waste oil is produced per year and where is it recycled?

Who pays for the maintenance?

What happens when it doesn't work?

How long if it stops functioning before it is repaired or decommissioned?

What is the life expectancy?

Who takes it down after it is decommissioned?

How long after decommissioning does it take to be removed?

What is actually removed? How is it recycled? Are blades removed or buried on the property?

Who pays for removal?

Is the land returned to a usable agricultural condition?

Is your company given grants for the project? If so from who?

Is your company paying local townships or county money (taxes or fees) for these turbines or the land associated with these?

If your company sells these or goes bankrupt, what happens then?

There may be a gag order as part of the agreement process, which restricts land owner's communication with any other people. How does this affect you?