**BEFORE**

**THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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| In the Matter of the Application by Rolling Hills Generating, LLC for an Amendment of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Rolling Hills Generating Station, Combined-Cycle Conversion Project, Vinton County | :  :  :  :  :  :  : | Case No. 12-1669-EL-BGA |

**PREFILED TESTIMONY**

**OF**

**RAYMOND W. STROM**

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_**

February 1, 2013

1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

A. My name is Raymond W. Strom. My business address is 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a Public Utilities Administrator 3, in the Efficiency and Renewables Division of the Energy and Environment Department.

3. Q. Please summarize your educational background.

A. I have earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Ohio University, both in the bio­logical/environmental sciences. I have also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Capital University.

4. Q. Please summarize your work experience.

A. Prior to my employment with the PUCO, I was employed as a chemist, a laboratory technician, a graduate teaching assistant, a research technician and a quality control coordinator for various organizations. In 1987, I joined the staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as Supervisor of the Electric Fuel Component Section. In 1992, I was promoted to Public Utility Administrator 1. Starting in 1999, I served as a Public Utility Administrator 2 in the Facilities, Siting and Environmental Analysis Divi­sion. In October of 2009 I was promoted to Chief of the Efficiency and Renewables Division.

5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board?

A. Yes.

6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation in this case.

7. Q. What was your role in the preparation of the Staff Report of Investigation for this case?

A. I was responsible for the management of the Staff investigation that was conducted in this case and for management of the preparation of the result­ing Staff report.

8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to positions taken by other parties.

# PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Raymond W. Strom**, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board,was served via elec­tronic mail upon counsel for the applicant, Sally Bloomfield, Bricker & Eckler, 100 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-4291, this 1st day of February, 2013.

/s/ Thomas G. Lindgren

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