

NC  
FILE



Bricker & Eckler  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

COLUMBUS | CLEVELAND  
CINCINNATI-DAYTON

BRICKER & ECKLER LLP  
100 South Third Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4291  
MAIN: 614.227.2300  
FAX: 614.227.2390

www.bricker.com  
info@bricker.com

Sally W. Bloomfield  
614.227.2368  
sbloomfield@bricker.com

RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV

November 6, 2009 2009 NOV -6 PM 12: 38

VIA HAND DELIVERY

PUCO

Ms. Kim Wissman  
Executive Director,  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street,  
Columbus, OH 43215

Ms. Renee Jenkins  
Docketing Chief,  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case No. 09-1066-EL-BGN  
In the Matter of the Application of **HEARTLAND WIND, LLC** for  
a Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in  
Van Wert County, Ohio and Paulding County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Please let this letter serve as the pre-application notification letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board of Heartland Wind, LLC, ("Applicant" or "Heartland Wind") whose sole member and manager is Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., who in turn is a subsidiary of Iberdrola, S.A., to open a case for the proposed Blue Creek Wind Farm, which will result in a total generating capacity of up to 350 megawatts (MW). The company will be filing a motion for certain waiver requests, with the certificate application being filed in December 2009.

In accordance with Rule 4906-5-08(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code, Heartland Wind provides the following information:

- **Project Description.** The Blue Creek Wind Farm will be spread across approximately 15,000 acres of leased land in portions of three (3) townships in Van Wert County, Ohio (Tully, Union and Hoaglin), and two (2) townships in Paulding County, Ohio (Blue Creek and Latty). The Project itself will consist of 175, G87 turbines with a name-plate capacity of 2.0 MW manufactured by Gamesa, or other similar wind turbine models, and associated infrastructure (i.e. access roads, electrical collection system, construction staging area, operations and maintenance facilities and substations). Interconnection will be accomplished through PJM, and the company already has received the required interconnection studies from PJM.

This is to certify that the foregoing are an accurate and complete copy of the original document delivered to the Public Utilities Commission of business technician And Date Processed 11/6/09

Ms. Wissman, Ms. Jenkins  
November 6, 2009  
Page 2 of 2

- **Pre-Application Public Informational Meeting.** Heartland Wind will be holding a public information meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at the Wayne Trace Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria, which is located at 4915 U.S. Route 127, Haviland, Ohio. The program will provide an overview of the Blue Creek Wind Farm and allow company representatives to respond to any inquiries posed by community members.
- **Anticipated Waivers.** Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rules 4906-01-03 and Rule 4906-7-12(C), Heartland Wind will be asking the Board to grant certain waiver requests from the Board's filing requirements. Heartland Wind's waiver request is being filing in conjunction with this letter, and will seek the following waivers:
  - (1) From the one-year notice period as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section ("R.C.") 4906.06(A)(6);
  - (2) From providing an extensive site selection study to the extent that Applicant is not able to describe all the specific information listed in the site selection criteria as set forth in OAC Rule 4906-17-04(A);
  - (3) From providing map of vegetative cover as set forth OAC 4906-17-05(A)(3)(g), and instead allow the Applicant to provide a general narrative description of the vegetative cover that may be disturbed during construction; and
  - (4) From certain requirements relating to cross-sectional views and test borings set forth in OAC 4906-17-05(A)(4), and instead allow the Applicant to submit this information once it determines the final location of turbines and other structures.

Very truly yours,



Sally W. Bloomfield  
Attorney for Heartland Wind, LLC

SB/mb