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PIQUA SHAWNEE TRIBE

3412 Wellford Circle, Birmingham, Alabama 35226-2626

November 6, 2009

RE: Buckeye Wind, LLC
Case No. 08-666-EL-BGN

To The Honorable Power Siting Board:

As a State recognized Tribe in Alabama by the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, recognized by the Ohio House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 13; recognized by a Resolution by Senator Ken ... Senate Resolution No. 188; recognized by the State of Ohio, Office of the Governor, by Resolution ... George V. Voinovich, 1991; and recognized by Proclamation by Wallace G. Wilkinson, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 1991, we, the Piqua Shawnee Tribe, a.k.a. Piqua Shawnee, a.k.a. Piqua Shawnee of Ohio Shawnee, are the descendants of Ohio's first citizens. OUR TRIBE IS NOT A CORPORATION. Our ministry is held as a separate 5013c as evidenced by the federal government's designation of our ministry's taxation status. Federal law demands that we as a tribe hold ourselves separate from our Native American Ministries.

We have been culturally linked to this geographical area since the Paleo-Indian times and were big game hunters nearly twelve thousand years ago and were hunting woolly mammoths at the end of the last Ice Age. We have been genetically linked to the builders of this mound and others of the area as a result of a study conducted by Dr. Kenneth Tankersley, Anthropologist.

There are several of our mounds and ceremonial sites in Ohio and neighboring states that have been held private and sacred to our peoples and the information has been passed from generation to generation. People of our Tribe living in Ohio, have been "Keepers of the Land", and as such, we have monitored Sacred Dance Rings, Grave Sites, Signal Trees, and "High Places" as is our duty.

Our Tribal Historian, Barbara Lehmann, from Urbana, Ohio, is in possession of many historical documents and maps relating to our tribal history that predates European contact. Mrs. Lehmann is President of the Simon Kenton Historic Corridor and works with nationally known historians in teaching and preserving the history of the Ohio Territories. She holds early publications that relate to all our mounds and Native American sites in Ohio. These books, maps, papers, documents, and oral histories all contain information relating to our mounds in the vicinity of the construction areas.

We have conducted a survey of the properties and inhabitants in close proximity to our mound areas, gathering notarized statements of their firsthand knowledge of the Indian mounds and artifacts found in the surrounding area over the last century. Particular to the area was a ¾ grooved axe that according to OHPO experts shows up in the archeological records of the late archaic period and may be found extending through the late woodland period. This axe type is perhaps most common in the late archaic period and less common during the late woodland period when it is replaced to some degree by the

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larger full grooved axe type. The late archaic period begins roughly some 5,500 years ago and the late woodland period extends until roughly 900 years ago. This provides sound evidence of important Native American archeological sites in the Indian mound area.

The Shawnee have long held sacred their traditional ceremonial dances celebrating the gender roles of men and women as hunters, gatherers and food preparers as evidenced by the many and various dance rings still visible in Ohio from over two hundred years ago. Our Tribe has, and will continue to, conduct many ceremonial dances and feasts at Fort Ancient and at other historic sites in Ohio and Kentucky. We hold sacred our many old village sites, burial grounds, and Indian mounds in this area. In the future we would hope to have access to our Indian mounds and adjacent properties for these tribal purposes.

Our present concern is that the wind turbines are in very close proximity to our Indian mounds. These very Indian Mounds can be located on modern maps and are designated as "Indian mound". During turbine construction, modern moving equipment will be building roads, access ways, laying underground electrical cable and also causing disturbances by ingress and egress needed on our mounds.

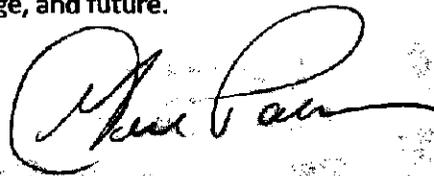
We are asking for protection by the Federal and State of Ohio government of our mound area and ask that an archeological survey may be conducted, that the mounds in this area be added to the state and federal historic registers, and also that we may monitor activities around our mounds during construction. It is also our concern that these two mounds are part of a complex that extends north and south of the ones previously mentioned and that the cultural integrity of the entire system may be breached by damaging this most sacred area to our tribe, our religion and our future.

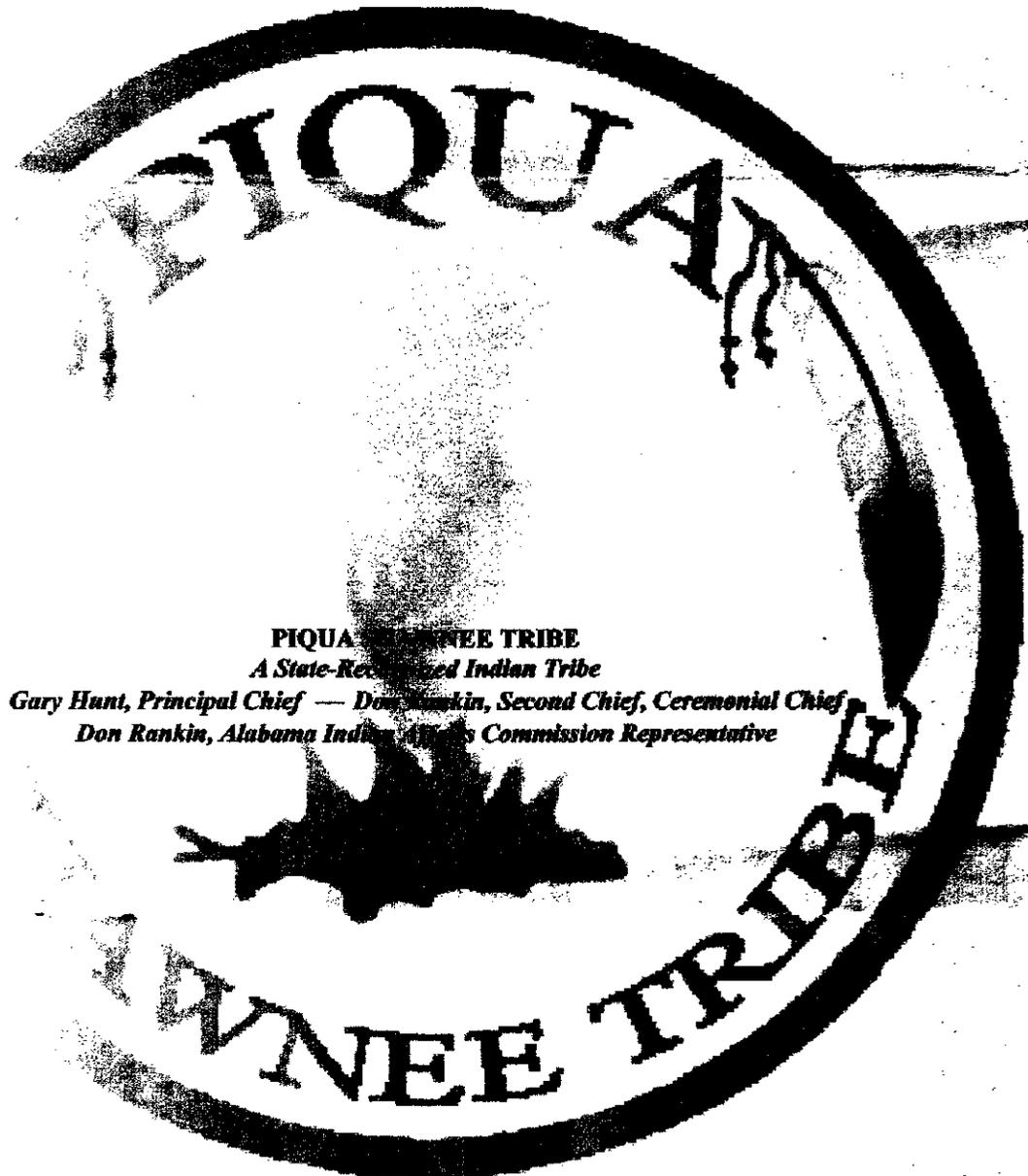
We have been made aware of federal grants that have been given to the state of Ohio to assist wind turbine construction and also that the corporations may have applied to the federal government for grants. It is our understanding that this now requires a mandatory archeological survey of the contemplated construction area. Another concern that we have is the aesthetic damage to the beauty of these priceless historic landscapes to our tribe and generations of Ohioans to come.

We apologize for not being able to secure legal representation on such short notice and therefore we will not be able to speak at the current hearings in Columbus, Ohio in November 2009, however we will be present. We will attempt to obtain legal counsel. Currently we have contacted the Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Dr. David M. Snyder, Archeology reviews manager, and they have communicated our concerns to the Siting Board.

Our mounds being the main concern, we are not opposed to wind turbines in the area completely but only as it affects our religion, heritage, and future.

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The germane federal laws.

National Historic Preservation Act
National Environmental Protection Act
Native American Grave Protection Repatriation Act
Archaeological Resources Protection Act
American Indian Religious Freedom Act