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180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

**Re: Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC**  
**Case No. 13-197-EL-BGN**

Dear Ms. McCauly:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced matter, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) Rule 4906-5-09, is the proof of publication attesting to the publication of the first notice. The notice was published in the *Paulding County Progress* on August 28, 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sally W. Bloomfield

Attachment

Cc: Parties of Record (w/Attachment)  
Chris Cunningham (w/Attachment)

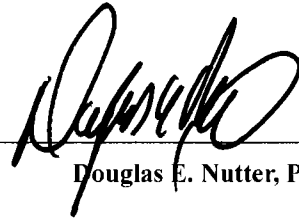
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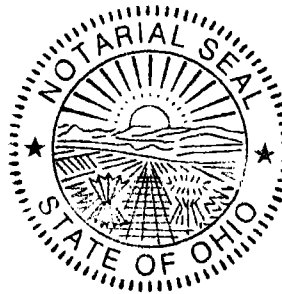
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# Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility (Wind Farm)

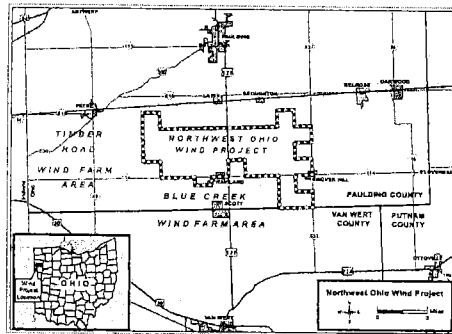


## FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC, sole owner is Trishe Wind Energy Holdings, Inc. has an amended application pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board in Case No. 13-197-EL-BGN. Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC proposes to construct, own and operate up to 100 MW wind-powered electric generation facility consisting of approximately up to 59 2.0 MW wind turbines (the "Northwest Ohio Wind Farm"); more specifically, within approximately 12,750 acre area portions of the townships of Blue Creek and Latty, Paulding County, and a small part within Haviland village limits. The general purpose of the project is to produce clean, renewable, reliably priced, low cost electricity to the Ohio electric marketplace, and bring dozens of new jobs to Paulding County and the surrounding area. The application includes the proposed locations of turbine sites and information related to them. The map below reflects the turbine sites in the application supplement.

## LOCATION AND GENERAL LAYOUT

The general location and planned project layout of the Northwest Ohio Wind Farm is shown on the map below.



## APPLICATION NOW PENDING

Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC, whose sole member and manager is Trishe Wind Energy Holdings, Inc., has an Amended Application pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. The assigned docket number for the Application is Case No. 13-197-EL-BGN, and copies of all filings in the case, including the application can be located at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at (<http://www.opsb.ohio.gov>) by scrolling down to "Pending Cases" and selecting the case by name or docket number. A copy of the application may also be reviewed online at <http://www.northwestohiowind.com>.

## PUBLIC OFFICIALS SERVED WITH COPIES OF THE APPLICATION

The following public officials were served with a copy of the Amended Application: Mayor Richard C. Bowers--Village of Haviland; Douglas Laukhuf, Jammie Hughes, Bradley Mills--Blue Creek Township Trustees; Lyle Ebel, Jason Sheets, Keith Miller--Latty Township Trustees; Roy Klopfenstein, Fred Pleper, Tony Zartman--Paulding County Commissioners; Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer; and Tony Langham, Paulding County Economic Development, Inc.

Copies of the Application of Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Paulding County are available for public inspection at the Paulding County Carnegie Library, 205 S. Main Street, Paulding, OH 45879 and The Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. A copy of the application may also be reviewed on line as indicated above or at Northwest Ohio Wind Energy's local office at 101 S. Main Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## OHIO POWER SITING BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10(A) the Ohio Power Siting Board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Board, unless it finds and determines all of the following: (1) The basis of the need for the facility; (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact; (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations; (4) In the case of an electric transmission line, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under Section 4561.341 of the Revised Code; (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility; rules adopted to evaluate impact under Division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site; and (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

## STATEMENT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4906.07

Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Power Siting Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable. The public hearing for this case shall consist of two parts:

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person. The local public hearing has been scheduled for October 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wayne Trace Junior-Senior High School, 4915 U.S. 127, Haviland, Ohio 45851; and,
- (2) The adjudicatory hearing has been scheduled for October 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 11th Floor Hearing Room C, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

The chairman of the Ohio Power Siting Board shall cause each application filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the Ohio Power Siting Board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and the report shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

## STATEMENT OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4906.08(C)

The Ohio Power Siting Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the Board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice required by Rule 4906-5-08(C)(1), O.A.C., or later if good cause is shown. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible but by no later than October 15, 2013. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 13-197-EL-BGN.

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