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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 13-1177-EL-BGN
Case No. 13-1767-EL-BSB
Case No. 13-1768-EL-BTX
Hardin Wind LLC
Proof of Publication

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Please find attached a copy of Affidavits and tear sheets indicating that on Saturday, November 9, 2013, the Notice of the Proposed Major Utility Facility for Case Nos. 13-1177-EL-BGN, 13-1767-EL-BSB and 13-1768-EL-BTX was published in the Bellefontaine Examiner, a newspaper of general circulation in Logan County, Ohio, and also published in The Kenton Times, a newspaper of general circulation in Hardin County, Ohio.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All Parties of Record (w/attachment)


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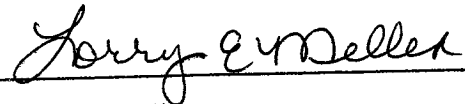
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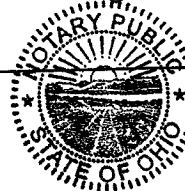
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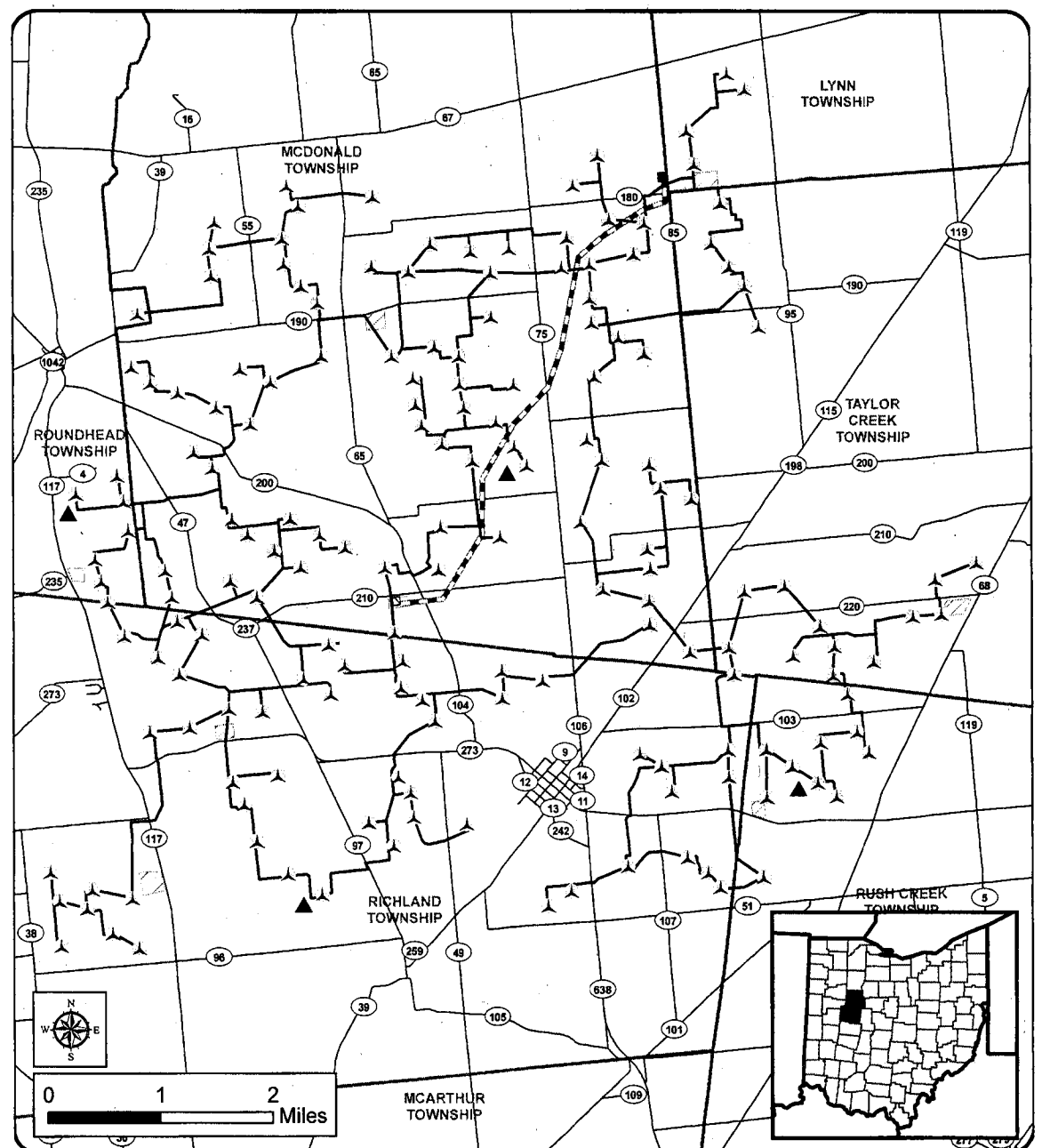
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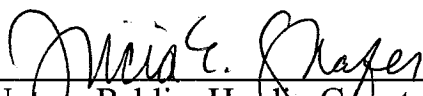
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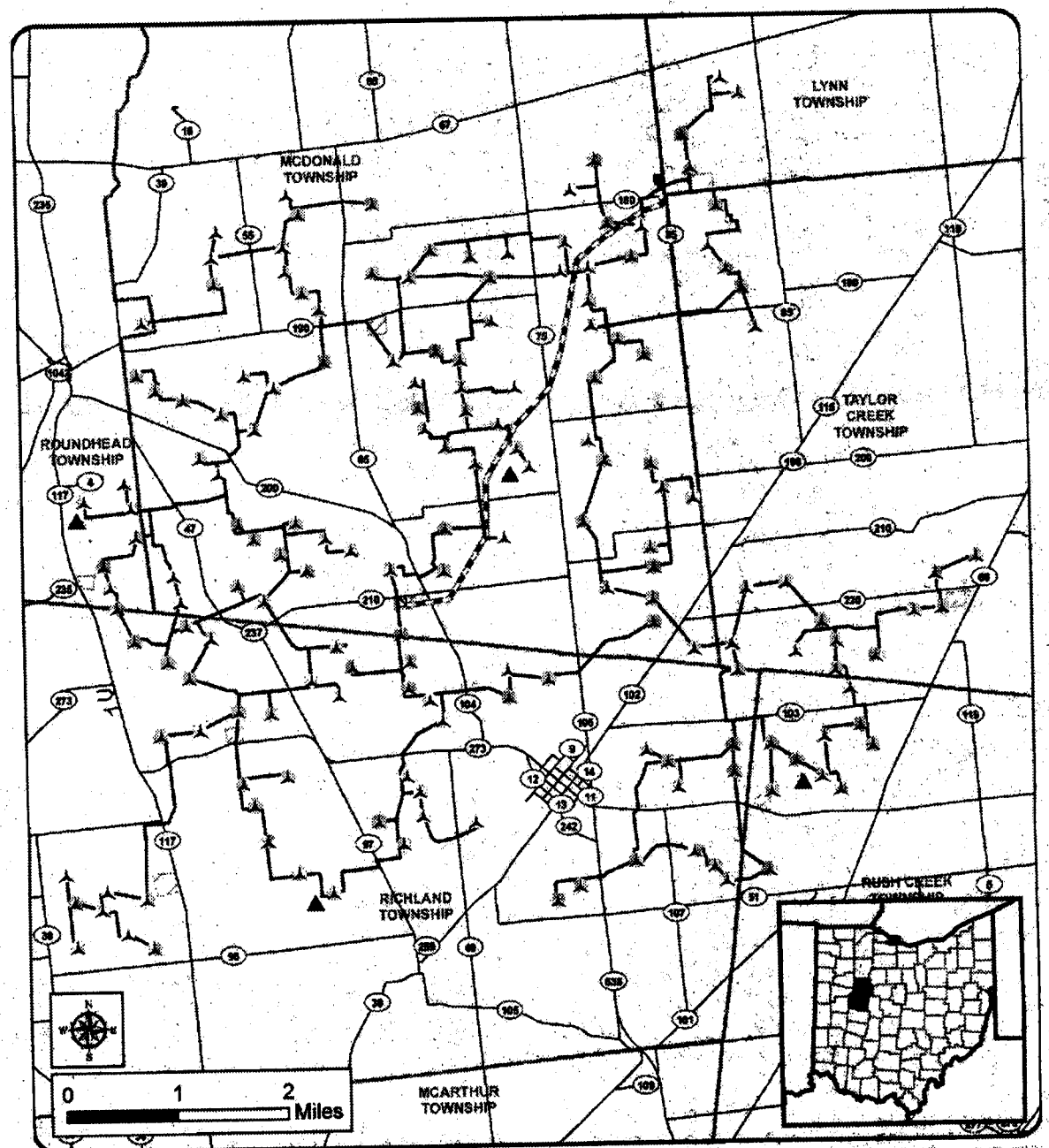
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