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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Betty McCauly
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Administration/Docketing
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Letter of Notification of Compliance for Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC, Case No. 13-0197-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. McCauly:

Joint Exhibit 2 to the October 28, 2013 Joint Stipulation and Recommendation by Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC ("Northwest"), the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff ("OPSB Staff") and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation identified an agreed upon set of conditions and commitments pertaining to select access roads to be constructed after a first pre-construction conference.

Within this set of conditions and commitments, "Supplement to Amended Application Commitment #4" requires that:

Applicant will have a vegetation management plan. Prior to commencement of construction [of Phase 1], Applicant will submit this plan to OPSB Staff for review and acceptance. The plan will identify all areas of proposed vegetation clearing for the [Phase 1], specifying the extent of the clearing, and describing how such clearing work will be done so as to minimize removal of woody vegetation. The plan will also describe how trees and shrubs . . . along access routes, [and] at construction staging areas . . . will be protected from damage. Priority will be given to protecting mature trees throughout the [Phase 1] area, and all woody vegetation in wetlands and riparian areas, . . . during construction . . .; low-growing trees and shrubs in particular will be protected wherever possible within the proposed right-of-way. The vegetation management plan will also explore various options for disposing of downed trees, brush, and other vegetation during initial clearing for the [Phase 1], and recommend methods that minimize the movement of heavy equipment and other vehicles within the right-of-way that would otherwise be required for removing all trees and other woody debris off site.

This letter is to inform the OPSB Staff that Northwest is in compliance with the above mentioned commitment. All of the areas to be affected by Phase I

access road construction involve active cropland and maintained township road rights-of-way. No streams, ditches or wetlands will be traversed and no woody vegetation or native herbaceous vegetation exists within any of the areas to be affected by Phase I access road construction.

Photos are being obtained that depict the character of the vegetation at each location where an access road will connect to an existing township or county road. These photos will be annotated and filed separately with the OPSB. Within cropped areas, no vegetation management will be undertaken and no herbicides will be applied, as all areas temporarily disturbed by access road construction will be returned to active tillage in the spring of 2014. Areas to be disturbed within township or county road rights-of-way are vegetated entirely with maintained non-native grasses and do not contain any woody or native herbaceous vegetation. Any temporarily disturbed areas within township road rights-of-way will be stabilized and re-vegetated in accordance with Sections 3.6 and 3.7 of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the project. The SWPPP for Phase I access road construction was filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board on November 21, 2013.

If you have any questions please call at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally W. Bloomfield".

Sally W. Bloomfield

cc: Grant Zeto
Christina Burri

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