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January 27, 2014

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Re: Scioto Ridge Wind Farm, Case No. 13-1177-EL-BGN
Scioto Ridge Wind Farm Substation, Case No. 13-1767-EL-BSB
Scioto Ridge Wind Farm Transmission Line, Case No. 13-1768-EL-BTX

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Mr. Plikerd,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding the proposed Scioto Ridge Wind Farm, Substation, and Transmission Line. Your correspondence in regards to the project will be docketed in the respective case numbers for each project.

It is noted that you are in opposition to the proposed project.

A copy of the OPSB Staff Report of Investigation for these projects is enclosed. The Staff Report documents the Staff's findings and recommendations on impacts to area roads, public services, and regional development; as well as the topics of shadow flicker, blade shear, and turbine setbacks. The Staff Report serves as a recommendation to the Board, which ultimately makes the decision to issue certificates allowing the construction of a facility.

To view all activity pertaining to this case, siting application, and/or rules governing the installation and operation of wind energy in Ohio, please visit the Ohio Power Siting Board's website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the OPSB at (866) 270-6772. Again, thank you for your continued interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
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The Ohio Power Siting Board

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Case No: 13-1177- EL-BGN, 11-1767-EL BSB, 11-1768-EL BTX

Project: Scioto Ridge Wind Farm

Company: Hardin Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of EverPower Wind Holdings

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board:

This letter is being written to inform you that the Village of Belle Center, has unanimously voted to adopt a resolution in opposition to wind turbines surrounding the community, specifically the proposed Scioto Ridge Wind Farm. This action was taken by the town council and Mayor during the public council meeting on January 14, 2014 where area residents conveyed concerns about this project and the impact it would have on our community. Prior to the meeting several council members had been contacted with questions concerning this project. As elected officials it is our duty to express the concerns of the residents we represent; those concerns are stated below.

Council and residents of the Village (we) believe this project impacts personal property rights and how they will be impeded by unwanted noise and shadow flicker. We believe it is the right of our residents to live in the peace and quiet of their home without the unwanted noise of a wind turbine in the background. We also believe our residents have the right to live without shadow flicker invading their homes. Although some residents may not be impacted directly by either of these issues, we are concerned for what this says to the property rights of all our residents; does this open the door to other personal property violations in the future?

Council and residents of the Village are also concerned about the impact this will have on our town and community. The project developer, EverPower, has not completed a project of this size before. We are concerned about our high level of population density and the impact of a project of this size. We are troubled that residents will choose to leave the Village and move to an area where they are not surrounded by wind turbines. Declining property values and the possibility of abandoned homes is not something we would like in our Villages' future. We do not see this project as a way to attract new residents to our Village and worry that it will in fact have the opposite effect and keep potential residents away. Our community consists of many people who live outside city limits and come into town on a daily basis; we are concerned about what will happen to relationships amongst community members and how this may negatively affect the Village as a whole.

Council and residents of the Village are also concerned for the safety of our residents. We know that very large, oversized loads will be traveling on State Highway 273 which runs through the middle of Belle Center in addition to an increase in traffic flow during the construction period. Village residents and children will cross this highway daily, especially during the summer months when children are not in school. We also have concerns about turbines located very close to the Village limits and the potential for accidents, possibly fire and/or blade shear issues.

The Council and Mayor of the Village of Belle Center respectfully ask that the OPSB deny the application for the proposed Scioto Ridge Wind Farm. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dustin Plikerd, President of Council

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