

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)
Paulding Wind Farm LLC for a)
Certificate to Install Numerous) Case No. 09-980-EL-BGN
Electricity Generating Wind Turbines)
In Paulding County)
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**JOINT APPLICATION TO ASSIGN SUBMITTED BY PAULDING WIND FARM LLC
AND PAULDING WIND FARM III LLC**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code chapter 4906.04, Paulding Wind Farm LLC (the “Applicant”) and Paulding Wind Farm III LLC (“Paulding Wind Farm III”), collectively the “Joint Applicants” seek approval to assign the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need issued in Case No. 09-980-EL-BGN for the Timber Road I Wind Farm from the Applicant to Paulding Wind Farm III. In keeping with the policy of the State of Ohio, the wind turbines and related infrastructure (access roads, collection lines, operation and maintenance facility, and substation) will continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Ohio Power Siting Board (“the OPSB”) and the terms and conditions in the Timber Road I Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (the “Timber Road I Certificate”), as it may be amended from time to time.

The proposed assignment of the Timber Road I Certificate between the Applicant and Paulding Wind Farm III (both subsidiaries of EDP Renewables North America LLC) is common in the wind industry. For example, turbines are placed across thousands of acres and it is common for financing and construction purposes to assign turbines to affiliates with a common

parent. Paulding Wind Farm III, by way of bifurcation and assignment of the certificate issued in Case No. 10-369-EL-BGN, is certificated to construct phase II of the Timber Road II Wind Farm (hereinafter referred to as the “Timber Road III Wind Farm”). Paulding Wind Farm III intends to construct the Timber Road I Wind Farm and the Timber Road III Wind Farm simultaneously, and both projects (after additional amendments and other related applications to the Board) will share a project substation, an overhead transmission line, and one point of interconnection to the regional transmission grid. To complete the projects in the most cost-effective manner and to allow for one operator of both projects, the Joint Applicants are proposing to assign the Timber Road I Certificate to Paulding Wind Farm III.

As noted above, in keeping with the policy of the State of Ohio, the certificated turbines and associated facilities will be subject to the jurisdiction of the OPSB and remain subject to all of the terms and conditions in the Timber Road I Certificate, as it may be amended from time to time. Furthermore, as required pursuant to R.C. 4906.04, Paulding Wind Farm III agrees to abide by all the terms, conditions, and modifications of the Timber Road I Certificate.

In support of this Joint Application, the Joint Applicants are submitting correspondence attached as Exhibit A confirming Paulding Wind Farm III’s commitment to abide by the terms, conditions and modifications contained in the Timber Road I Certificate. The Applicant has also sent via overnight mail a letter this day to all the public officials explaining the nature of the transfer request (a sample letter is attached as Exhibit B). Lastly, a Certificate of Good Standing from the Ohio Secretary of State’s office for Paulding Wind Farm III LLC is attached as Exhibit C.

Wherefore, the Joint Applicants respectfully request that, pursuant to R.C. 4906.04, the OPSB approve the assignment of the Timber Road I Certificate to Paulding Wind Farm III LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the following persons
via electronic mail this 9th day of December, 2015.



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Exhibit A

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December 7, 2015

Director Patrick Donlon
The Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Assignment of Certificate for Case Number 09-980-EL-BGN

Dear Director Donlon:

On August 23, 2010, the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") ordered that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (the "Certificate") be granted to Paulding Wind Farm LLC pursuant to Chapter 4906 of the Revised Code for the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind-powered electric generation facility known as Timber Road I Wind Farm.

Paulding Wind Farm LLC and Paulding Wind Farm III LLC are requesting that the OPSB approve the assignment of the Certificate, including the 35 wind turbines and related infrastructure certificated in Case No. 09-980-EL-BGN, from the original applicant, Paulding Wind Farm LLC, to Paulding Wind Farm III LLC. The original applicant and Paulding Wind Farm III LLC are both Delaware limited liability companies and are both subsidiaries of EDP Renewables North America LLC.

It is the intent of Paulding Wind Farm III LLC to adhere to all terms and stipulations related to the Certificate granted to the original applicant, including the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation docketed June 30, 2010 and the Opinion and Order docketed August 23, 2010.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information to promptly process this request, please contact counsel for Paulding Wind Farm III LLC or me at 317.636.0866.

Sincerely,

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December 9, 2015

VIA OVERNIGHT CARRIER

Jim Overmyer
Harrison Township Trustee
6066 Rd. 94
Payne, OH 45880

Dear Harrison Township Trustee Overmyer:

The purpose of this letter is to discuss the assignment of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (the "Certificate") issued on August 23, 2010 to Paulding Wind Farm LLC in Case No. 09-980-EL-BGN by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") for the Timber Road I Wind Farm. An application has been filed with the OPSB to assign the Certificate to Paulding Wind Farm III LLC. Paulding Wind Farm LLC and Paulding Wind Farm III LLC are both single member limited liability companies owned by EDP Renewables North America LLC.

The proposed assignment is being made to place both the Timber Road I Wind Farm and the second phase of the Timber Road II Wind Farm (to be called Timber Road III) under a common owner and operator (Paulding Wind Farm III LLC). Paulding Wind Farm III LLC is going to construct the Timber Road I Wind Farm and the Timber Road III Wind Farm simultaneously, and both projects will share a project substation and an overhead transmission line to connect to the regional transmission grid. Many of the same personnel previously involved with Paulding Wind Farm LLC will be involved with the operations of Paulding Wind Farm III LLC.

Importantly, Paulding Wind Farm III, LLC will adhere to all terms and conditions in the Certificate granted to Paulding Wind Farm LLC. We expect the OPSB to approve the assignment in January or February of 2016.



Legal Counsel

December 9, 2015

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-464-5483.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Elliott

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show PAULDING WIND FARM III LLC, a Delaware For Profit Limited Liability Company, Registration Number 1876251, filed on August 13, 2009, is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 24th day of November, A.D.
2015.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Husted".

Ohio Secretary of State

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