BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of) Ashtabula Wind Energy, LLC for a) Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered) Electric Generation Facility in Ashtabula) County, Ohio.

Case No. 11-2400-EL-BGN

<u>Entry</u>

The Ohio Power Siting Board finds:

- (1) On July 29, 2011, Ashtabula Wind Energy, LLC (Ashtabula Wind) filed its preapplication notification letter with the Board. In its letter, Ashtabula Wind explained that the proposed project would be located across 983 acres of brownfield in Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio that is currently being used for various commercial purposes, including manufacturing, environmental remediation, and landfill waste disposal. The project would consist of up to 19 turbines, each with a name-plate capacity of between 2.1 and 3.0 megawatts, as well as associated infrastructure.
- (2) By Entries dated June 22, 2011, and August 24, 2011, the administrative law judge (ALJ) granted Ashtabula Wind's motions to waive certain requirements applicable to its forthcoming application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need. In the June 22, 2011 Entry, the ALJ granted, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(A), Ashtabula Wind's request for a waiver of the then applicable requirement that the application be filed not less than one year or more than five years prior to the commencement of construction. The ALJ noted that Ashtabula Wind intended to commence construction in May 2012.
- (3) On September 12, 2011, Ashtabula Wind filed proof of publication of notice of a public informational meeting. Since that date, Ashtabula Wind has not filed an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need.

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- (4) By Entry dated January 14, 2016, the Board directed Ashtabula Wind to file a status report in the docket by March 14, 2016, indicating whether it intends to pursue the proposed project; otherwise, this case would be dismissed and closed of record by the Board.
- (5) On January 21, 2016, Ashtabula Wind filed a notice of withdrawal indicating that it no longer plans to file an application for a certificate to construct the proposed project. Ashtabula Wind, therefore, requests that this proceeding be closed.
- (6) In light of Ashtabula Wind's notice of withdrawal, the Board finds that this case should be dismissed and closed of record.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Case No. 11-2400-EL-BGN be dismissed and closed of record. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE OHIO POWER 9ITING BOARD

Andre T. Porter, Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

David Goodman, Board Member and Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency

Richard Hodges, Board Member and Director of the Ohio Department of Health

David Damiels, Board Member and Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture

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