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Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board Members:

On behalf of WIRE-Net and our Global Wind Network (GLWN), we write in support of comments made today by the wind industry, and in particular Icebreaker Windpower, Inc., and the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition (MAREC) regarding the proposals in the Ohio Power Siting Board's OAC Rules 4906-4-08 and 4906-4-09.

GLWN is a non-profit international advanced-energy supply chain network and advisory group. GLWN is an initiative of WIRE-Net, a non-profit economic development organization located in Cleveland, Ohio that is dedicated to improving the community through nurturing the jobs and prosperity that come with a successful manufacturing industry. Our organization's mission is to localize new business opportunities in the growing energy industry.

GLWN is committed to advancing economic growth throughout Ohio, which can be achieved through the development of alternative forms of energy, including wind. We have diligently studied the wind industry in Ohio and are confident of the economic boost wind development can provide to the state. In particular, we understand the industry is ready and able to make substantial investments in Ohio in clean energy projects, collectively worth an estimated \$25 billion. These investments would undoubtedly expand Ohio's economy, create jobs, and diversify the state's energy portfolio.

In light of the substantial economic benefits the state could gain from the advancement of wind energy technology, we believe the Board's regulations should encourage the safe and environmentally sound development of wind energy projects. The comments submitted by Icebreaker and MAREC today ensure that the proposed amended and new rules appropriately balance the interests of all stakeholders in the wind industry and allow wind development to flourish throughout the state. As such, we urge the Board to consider the perspectives of Icebreaker and MAREC and revise the proposal to incorporate their recommendations, including the revisions to sound measurements, certificate modifications, resource mapping, shadow flicker, setback waivers, wildlife, and decommissioning.

If we can be of assistance, don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

John P. Colm  
President & Executive Director

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