

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Paulding )  
Wind Farm III LLC for a Certificate to )  
Construct the Timber Road III Point of ) Case No. 16-353-EL-BLN  
Interconnect Switchyard in Paulding )  
County, Ohio. )

ENTRY

The Ohio Power Siting Board finds:

- (1) Paulding Wind Farm III LLC (Paulding Wind) and AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco) are persons as defined in R.C. 4906.01.
- (2) R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).
- (3) R.C. 4906.03(F) requires the Board to adopt rules to provide for an accelerated review of an application for a construction certificate primarily needed to meet the requirements of a specific customer or specific customers. The statute specifies that the Board must adopt rules that provide for the automatic certification when the application is not suspended by the Board, administrative law judge, or chairperson or executive director of the Board for good cause shown, within 90 days of submission of the application. If an application is suspended, the Board shall approve, disapprove, or modify and approve the application not later than 90 days after the date of the suspension.
- (4) On February 22, 2016, Paulding Wind filed an expedited letter of notification application for the purpose of constructing a point of interconnection (POI) switchyard (Timber Road POI switchyard). Paulding Wind asserted that the project qualified for the Board's letter of notification process, because the project is primarily needed to meet the requirements of a specific customer or specific customers and, therefore, satisfies the criteria set forth in R.C. 4906.03(F). Paulding Wind explained that the project was primarily needed to meet the needs of a specific customer and was an integral part of the Timber Road I

and Timber Road III wind farms without which energy would be unable to reach the electric power grid.

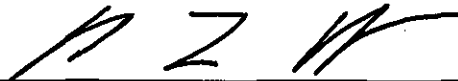
- (5) On March 22, 2016, Paulding Wind's letter of notification for the Timber Road POI switchyard was automatically approved by the Board, pursuant to the accelerated review process set forth in R.C. 4906.03(F).
- (6) On January 19, 2017, in accordance with R.C. 4906.04, Paulding Wind and AEP Ohio Transco filed a joint application to assign the certificate issued in this case for the Timber Road POI switchyard from Paulding Wind to AEP Ohio Transco. In support of the joint application, Paulding Wind and AEP Ohio Transco represent that the project will continue to be subject to the Board's jurisdiction and the terms and conditions in the Staff Report filed on March 15, 2016. Paulding Wind and AEP Ohio Transco request that transfer of the certificate be conditioned upon Board receipt of a written notice from Paulding Wind notifying the Board that final transfer of the Timber Road POI switchyard to AEP Ohio Transco is complete. Additionally, AEP Ohio Transco agrees, in the joint application, to abide by all of the terms and conditions that are applicable to the project, as required by R.C. 4906.04.
- (7) Also on January 19, 2017, Paulding Wind and AEP Ohio Transco filed copies of correspondence which represents that they have notified all of the public officials and libraries in the project area regarding the nature of the transfer request.
- (8) R.C. 4906.04 provides that a certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Board, to a person that agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and modifications contained in the certificate.
- (9) Upon consideration of the application to transfer the certificate for the Timber Road POI switchyard from Paulding Wind to AEP Ohio Transco, the Board finds that the application is reasonable and should be granted in accordance with R.C. 4906.04. Such approval is conditioned upon Board receipt of a written notice from Paulding Wind notifying the Board that final transfer of the Timber Road POI switchyard to AEP Ohio Transco is complete.

It is, therefore,

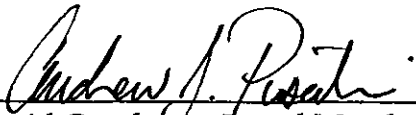
ORDERED, That the application to transfer the certificate from Paulding Wind to AEP Ohio Transco be granted in accordance with finding (9). It is, further,

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

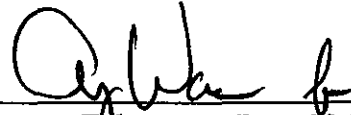
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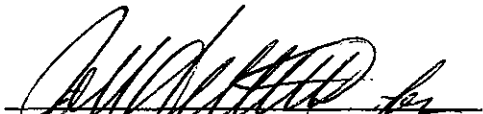
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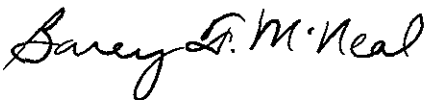
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