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Ohio Power Siting Board 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215 Subject: 16-1871-EL-BGN Icebreaker Windpower

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to register my affirmation for the Icebreaker wind power project. I have several reasons for being in favor of this project.

First, I'm a chemist and have a strong interest in general science. I'm aware of the peripheral problems with fossil fueled electricity which don't get included in the stated costs including but not limited to, mercury emissions which kill wildlife east of here, CO2 emissions which cause a warming planet with its associated problems, human health issues including heart attack and lung cancer. I just heard today that Cleveland has among the highest rate of lung cancer in the nation.

Consider the economic benefits from making Cleveland a leader in the nation in offshore wind power, the jobs which will be created, and the notoriety which will bring visitors and conventions to this area.

Those opposed site an issue with birds being killed by the turbines. But if you really want to save birds, get rid of house cats. They kill many thousands more birds a year than turbines ever will.

Finally, consider our place in the world. Many European countries are way ahead of the US in generation of wind and solar energy. As in so many other technical areas we lag behind the world. This is a small but significant opportunity for Ohio to catch up or maybe get ahead and be a leader.

Please support this effort by so many to move ahead with wind power in the great lakes.

Sincerely yours,

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