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Asim Haque, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
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**Re: Support for Project Icebreaker, OPSB Case Number 16-1871-EL-BGN**

Dear Chairman Haque,

I write today in support of Icebreaker Wind's Ohio Power Siting Board application to construct the first demonstration wind farm project in the fresh water of the Great Lakes. Icebreaker Wind Farm, a 20 megawatt, 6-turbine wind farm, would be located eight miles off the coast of downtown Cleveland.

The Icebreaker Wind Project will bring both economic and environmental benefits to the region. The project will maximize wind-powered energy production to deliver clean, renewable electricity to our power transmission system in order to serve the needs of electric utilities and their customers. Utilizing these wind resources will add fuel diversity to the state's electric supply mix, help reduce air pollution, create local jobs, and spur economic development. Indeed, local customers have already signed up to purchase much of the project's offtake. Ultimately, Icebreaker could position Cleveland as a central North American hub for the emerging U.S. offshore wind industry.

It is for these reasons that I strongly support Icebreaker Windpower and its certificate application before the Board. I urge the Board to swiftly review the application and look forward to the subsequent public hearing process. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective.

Sincerely,

Senator Matt Dolan  
24<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District

cc: Ohio Power Siting Board Docketing Division

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