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The Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Subj: Case number: 16-1871-EL-BGN
Project: Icebreaker Wind Facility

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Ohio Advanced Energy Economy (Ohio AEE), I write to urge favorable consideration of the Icebreaker Wind Facility on Lake Erie.

Ohio AEE is a statewide association representing corporate members of Advanced Energy Economy who are working to make the global energy system more secure, clean, and affordable. Advanced energy encompasses a broad range of products and services that constitute the best available technologies for meeting energy needs today and tomorrow.

We urge favorable consideration of the Icebreaker Wind Facility for the following reasons:

- Icebreaker Wind is the first freshwater offshore wind farm in North America, and will put Ohio at the cutting edge of a clean renewable offshore wind industry.
- Icebreaker Wind will create 500 local jobs with a \$168 million local economic impact. By leveraging Ohio's strengths in manufacturing and technology innovation, it has the potential to spur development of an offshore wind industry that will create 8,000 Ohio jobs, power 2 million homes, and add nearly \$13 billion in gross regional impact.
- Icebreaker Wind will serve as an industry research center and provide a model for future offshore wind projects in Lake Erie and throughout the Great Lakes.
- The power produced by Icebreaker Wind will be used locally. Cleveland Public Power and Cuyahoga County have already committed to purchasing two-thirds of the power generated.
- Icebreaker Wind will help reduce emissions and improve environmental quality in the region. Extensive analysis done to date shows that the project poses minimal risk to fish and wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Ford", written over a horizontal line.

Ted Ford
President & CEO

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