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16-1871-EC-BGN RESOLUTION NO. 17-208

In the matter of supporting the Icebreaker Wind's application) for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public () need for a generating station which is being transferred from () LEEDCo to continue the work required to construct and () operate the 20.7 megawatt, six wind turbine project in Lake () Erie and attach jobs and investments in Lorain County and () Northwest Ohio for the offshore wind market ()

March 29, 2017

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009, the Lorain County Board of Commissioners became one of the original four entities to form the Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo), a notfor-profit Ohio-based 501(c)(3) corporation created prior to December 1, 2009 for the express purpose of undertaking the development of a small demonstration offshore wind project, and ultimately an offshore wind market, along the Northern Ohio coastline of Lake Erie; and

WHEREAS, the initial purpose of LEEDCo is to provide a vehicle for providing infrastructure assets in or near Lake Erie to attract pilot and commercial scale offshore wind energy projects to Lake Erie in Ohio waters; and

WHEREAS, LEEDCo is transferring its assets to Icebreaker Windpower Inc. to continue the work required to construct and operate the 20.7 megawatt, six wind turbine project in Lake Erie, and

WHEREAS, the Lorain County Board of Commissioners hereby support Icebreaker Windpower Inc. to attract jobs and investments in Lorain County and Northeast Ohio for the offshore wind market; and

WHEREAS, the Icebreaker Wind project alone is projected to create over five hundred (500) jobs and provide \$168 million in local economic impact over the project life, and;

WHEREAS, the low water depth and high and consistent wind speeds in Lake Erie, available land with deep water access and proximity to a high voltage electricity transmission system make Lorain County and Northeast Ohio attractive to Offshore Wind Developers: and

WHEREAS, Icebreaker Windpower Inc. submitted an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to the Ohio Power Sitting Board on February 1, 2017, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by Lorain County, State of Ohio:

- That Lorain County Board of Commissioners is in full support of the Icebreaker Windpower Inc. Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to the Ohio Power Sitting Board, 16-1871-EL-BGN.
- 2. That Lorain County urges the Ohio Power Sitting Board to act favorably on the Application.

Motion by Kokoski, seconded by Kalo to adopt Resolution. Upon roll call the vote taken thereon, resulted as: Ayes: all.

Motion carried. _____(discussion was held on the above)

I, Theresa L. Upton, Clerk to the Lorain County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 17-208 is a true copy as it appears in Journal No. 2017 on date of March 29, 2017.

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