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April 3, 2018

Ms. Barcy McNeal c/o Ohio Power Siting Board 180 E. Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case Nos. 08-666-EL-BGN and 12-0160-EL-BGN

Buckeye Wind LLC and Champaign Wind LLC

Request for Extension of Certificates

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Accompanying this letter are hard copies of a request to extend the Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need which were issued to Buckeye Wind LLC in Case No. 08-666-EL-BGN and Champaign Wind LLC in Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN. The request in these proceedings is also being electronically filed.

In support of the request to extend the certificates, I would like to make the following declarations:

Name of Applicants: Buckeye Wind LLC Champaign Wind LLC

Name of the Facilities and Location of Original Facilities:

Buckeye Wind I
Buckeye Wind II
Champaign County, Ohio
Goshen, Rush, Salem, Union, Urbana and Wayne Townships



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Notarized Statement:
See Affidavit of Masahiro Ogiso
Chief Development Officer
Buckeye Wind LLC
Champaign Wind LLC

Please note that the Projects are the subjects of pending amendment applications in Case Nos. 17-2516-EL-BGA and 17-2517-EL-BGA, which if approved will result in a maximum of 50 turbines to be constructed between the two projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michael J. Settineri

Michael J. Settineri

MJS/vssp Enclosure

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Buckeye)	
Wind, LLC, for a Certificate)	
to Install Numerous Electricity)	Case No. 08-0666-EL-BGN
Generating Wind Turbines in)	
Champaign County to be Collected at)	
an Electrical Substation in)	
Union Township,)	
Champaign County, Ohio)	
In the Matter of the Application of Champaign)	
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Requests for Extensions of Certificates Issued in

Case No. 08-0666-EL-BGN and Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN

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Champaign County, Ohio)

Request for Extension of Certificates

Buckeye Wind LLC ("Buckeye Wind") and Champaign Wind LLC ("Champaign Wind"), for good cause shown, respectfully request that the Ohio Power Siting Board (the "Board") extend the Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (the "Certificates") for the Buckeye I and Buckeye II Wind Projects from May 28, 2018, to May 28, 2019. Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind have good cause for seeking these short extensions, including years-long delays caused by intervenor appeals to the Supreme Court of Ohio. These issues, coupled with Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind's progress in continuing to develop these projects and the pending amendment proceedings that will result in a significant reduction in the number of turbines warrant an extension of the Certificates.

Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind also commit that if the extension is granted, the only turbine locations that will be utilized for the projects are those 55 turbine locations listed under the pending amendment applications in Case Nos. 17-2516-EL-BGA and 17-2517-EL-BGA, and that no more than 50 total turbines will actually be constructed. Lastly, both Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind recognize the Board's practice of extending certificates by motion practice but also are aware of past litigation over the use of a motion to extend certificates and the potential of future litigation. Taking that into consideration, Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind are submitting this request to the Board in a form that will allow the Board to treat the request either as a motion or as an

amendment (although Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind prefer to have this Request processed as if it were an amendment application to avoid any litigation on the issue of whether a motion can extend a certificate).¹ The reasons supporting this Request are set forth in the accompanying document.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael J. Settineri

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¹ Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind are filing this Request in the original certificate dockets and not in a new docket. To the extent necessary, Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind request a waiver from any requirement to submit the Request in a separate docket (BGA) if the Request is treated as an amendment application.

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Request for Extension of Certificates

Introduction

Through this Request for Extension of Certificates (the "Request"), Buckeye Wind LLC ("Buckeye Wind") and Champaign Wind LLC ("Champaign Wind") (collectively, "Applicants") seek to extend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need granted by the Ohio Power Siting Board (the "Board") in Case No. 08-0666-EL-BGN (the "Buckeye I Certificate") and the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need granted by the Board in Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN (the "Buckeye II Certificate") (collectively, the "Certificates") from May 28, 2018 to May 28, 2019. The Buckeye I Certificate, along with a subsequent amendment and certificate extension in Case No. 13-0360-EL-BGA, and the Buckeye II Certificate authorized Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind to construct their respective wind-powered electric generation facilities with turbines, access roads, a shared electric substation, a shared laydown area and an electric collection system (the "Buckeye I Wind Project" and "Buckeye II Wind Project", or, collectively, "Projects").

The Request is supported by good cause given ongoing litigation delays to the Projects in addition to a pending amendment application that will significantly reduce the scope of the Projects and reduce environmental impacts due to the Projects' construction and operation. The Applicants recognize the Board's well-established practice of granting extensions by motion, however, given that intervenors litigated that issue in the Supreme Court recently and

other pending litigation on that issue in other cases, the Applicants have presented the Request to the Board in a manner that will allow the Board to treat this submittal as an amendment or as a motion. The Applicants will also provide notice to the public through a mass mailing within the original certificated project areas, and will publish notice in a local newspaper. Copies of this Request will also be provided to all parties that were granted intervention in prior proceedings related to the Buckeye I Certificate and Buckeye II Certificate. These acts will ensure the public has adequate notice about the extension requests, and can respond and comment.

Importantly, as with the Board's prior extension of the Certificate term, the same conditions as to both Projects' operation will continue to apply, including conditions on operational noise requirements, setbacks and shadow flicker requirements. Moreover, the Request is not seeking any physical change in either facility – all components will remain as originally sited and approved if this Request is approved. Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind also commit that if the extension is granted, the only turbine locations that will be utilized for the Projects are those 55 turbine locations listed under the pending amendment applications in Case Nos. 17-2516-EL-BGA and 17-2517-EL-BGA.

Attached to and made part of this Request, as Exhibit 1, are affidavits supporting the Request, including an officer's affidavit.

Background on the Projects and Ongoing Litigation

The Buckeye Wind I Project

On March 22, 2010, the Board approved the application for the Buckeye I Wind Project and granted the Buckeye I Certificate. The Board imposed several conditions in the Buckeye I Certificate, and also ordered that the "... certificate shall become invalid if Buckeye has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed facility within five years of the date of journalization of the certificate." *In re Buckeye Wind LLC*, Opinion, Order and Certificate dated March 22, 2010. Intervenors filed applications for rehearing with the Board on April 20, 2010. The Board denied the intervenors' applications for rehearing on July 15, 2010. The intervenors then appealed the

Buckeye I Certificate to the Supreme Court of Ohio on September 13, 2010. Almost a year and a half later, on March 6, 2012, the Court affirmed the Board's decision in full.

On February 18, 2014, the Board approved an application for amendment for the Buckeye I Wind Project. The amendment allowed, in part, for certain sharing of the collection system between the Buckeye I Wind Project and the Buckeye II Wind Project, in addition to a shared substation and shared laydown yard. Champaign County and certain townships filed applications for rehearing with the Board on March 20, 2014. The Board denied their applications for rehearing on May 19, 2014. Champaign County and certain townships then appealed the Buckeye I Certificate amendment to the Supreme Court of Ohio on July 16, 2014. More than two years later, on September 7, 2016, the Court affirmed the Board's decision in full. This litigation imposed a two and half-year delay on the Buckeye I Wind Project considering that the Board approved the amendment in February 2014.

While the appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio was pending, Buckeye Wind was also pursuing an extension of the certificate through a motion filed July 14, 2014. The Board granted Buckeye Wind's motion August 25, 2014. Certain intervenors filed an application for rehearing September 24, 2014. The Board denied the application for rehearing August 27, 2015. The intervenors appealed the extension of the Certificate to the Supreme Court of Ohio October 23, 2015. Litigation before the Supreme Court of Ohio was resolved June 26, 2017 through a dismissal of that proceeding resulting from a settlement between Buckeye Wind and the intervenors.

The Buckeye II Wind Project

On May 28, 2013, the Board approved the application for the Buckeye II Wind Project and granted the Buckeye II Certificate. The Board imposed several conditions in the Buckeye II Certificate, and also ordered that the "... certificate shall become invalid if Buckeye has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed facility within five years of the date of journalization of the certificate." *In re Champaign Wind LLC*, Opinion, Order and Certificate dated May 28, 2013.

Intervenors filed applications for rehearing with the Board on June 27, 2013. The Board largely denied the intervenors' applications for rehearing on September 30, 2013. The intervenors then appealed the Buckeye II

Certificate to the Supreme Court of Ohio on or around November 26-27, 2013. Almost two and a half years later, on April 13, 2016, the Court affirmed the Board's decision in full.

Pending Amendment to the Buckeye I and Buckeye II Projects

On December 22, 2017, Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind submitted applications to amend the Certificates, in Case Nos. 17-2516-EL-BGA and 17-2517-EL-BGA (the "Amendment Applications"). In the Amendment Applications, Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind proposed relocation of a substation, modification of access roads and collection lines, relocation of a single meteorological tower, and the option to use additional, more efficient turbine models with updated technology. The Amendment Applications, if approved by the Board, will result in a maximum of 55 turbine locations between the Buckeye I Wind Project and the Buckeye II Wind Project with a maximum of 50 turbines to be constructed, much fewer than the 108 turbines currently approved between the two Projects. Certain intervenors petitioned to intervene in the Amendment Applications proceedings on January 22, 2018, including raising legal arguments regarding the application of new setbacks. The Board has yet to decide whether to grant intervention, and what the scope of allowed intervention will be.

Incidental Take Permit Proceedings

On July 17, 2013, Buckeye Wind received from the United States Fish & Wildlife Service ("USFWS") approval of an incidental take permit ("ITP") with supporting information in its National Environmental Procedures Act ("NEPA") document. Union Neighbors United ("UNU") filed a petition for review of the ITP in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Case No. 1:13-cv-01435-RJL. Upon appeal by UNU, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit found the USFWS's issuance of the ITP to be arbitrary and capricious based on violation of obligations under NEPA and remanded for further proceedings before the USFWS in *Union Neighbors United, Inc. v. Jewell*, 831 F. 3d 564, 568 (D.C. Cir. 2016) (the district court and court of appeals cases collectively are referred to as the "ITP Case"). The United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a Remand Order that the USFWS and Buckeye Wind LLC prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), which analyzes one or more alternatives with an operating protocol that utilizes higher cut-in speeds but still allows

the project to be feasible. The preparation of the SEIS has begun and it is expected that a draft SEIS for public comment will be issued in the third guarter of 2018.

Project Schedule

The Buckeye I Certificate permits the construction of a facility comprised of up to 52 wind turbines while the Buckeye II Certificate permits the construction of a facility comprised of up to 56 wind turbines. Through the Amendment Applications, the Buckeye I Project and Buckeye II Project would be reduced to 27 turbine locations for the Buckeye I Project and 28 turbine locations for the Buckeye II Project. Although 55 turbine locations are available, only a maximum of 50 wind turbines will be constructed between the two Projects.

Given current construction scheduling, final designs for both Projects are anticipated to be completed in the third quarter of 2018. At this time, both Projects are anticipated to be placed in service at the end of 2019 after operational testing is complete. Actual construction on both Projects was anticipated to begin in the second quarter of 2018 and run through the last quarter of 2019 but given the pending Amendment Applications, the need to prepare and issue a draft SEIS, and current litigation raised by intervenors, that timing could extend to a date later in 2018. Accordingly, Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind seek an extension of the certificates, to May 28, 2019 to allow for the completion of the Amendment Applications.

Good cause exists for the extensions. Various intervenors have litigated every possible aspect of the Buckeye I Wind Project before the Board and before the Supreme Court of Ohio. After the Board issued the Certificate on March 22, 2010, intervenors appealed the Buckeye I Wind Project Certificate to the Supreme Court of Ohio on September 13, 2010. That litigation was not resolved until March 6, 2012. Intervenors then appealed the amended certificate issued February 18, 2014 to the Supreme Court of Ohio, which decided the case September 7, 2016. Finally, Buckeye Wind's motion to extend was granted, subsequently appealed to the Supreme Court of Ohio on August 25, 2014, and finally resolved June 26, 2017 through a settlement.

Intervenors also litigated the Buckeye II Wind Project before the Board and before the Supreme Court of Ohio. After the Board issued the Certificate on May 28, 2013, intervenors appealed the Buckeye II Wind Project Certificate to the

Supreme Court of Ohio on or around November 26-27, 2013. That litigation was not resolved until April 13, 2016, imposing a three-year delay on the Project. Construction was also delayed pending resolution of the Supreme Court appeal over the extension of the Buckeye Wind I Certificate, as that global settlement involved both the Buckeye Wind I and Buckeye Wind II Projects.

Both Projects also face the likely aspect of continued litigation over the Amendment Applications. As detailed above, the Amendment Applications significantly reduce the size of the Projects and include the relocation of a substation, modification of access roads and collection lines, relocation of a single meteorological tower, and the option to use additional, more efficient turbine models with updated technology. Applicants filed their applications for the Amendment on December 22, 2017. Intervenors petitioned to intervene in the Amendment proceeding and the Board has yet to grant them intervention. Applicants anticipate that these intervenors will fully litigate certain issues before the Board, including on rehearing if the Amendments are granted by the Board. Like litigation on the initial Certificates, any delay to obtain the Amendments will be caused by litigation outside of Applicants' control, and further supports extensions of the Certificates to May 28, 2019.

Applicants' extension requests are consistent with other certificate extension requests, which the Board has routinely granted for good cause shown. See e.g. In the Matter of the Application of Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC Regarding its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Issued in Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN, Order on Certificate, at ¶ 1 dated December 7, 2017; In re FDS Coke Plant, LLC, Case No. 07-703-EL-BGN, Entry dated Sept. 30, 2013 (approving extension for reasons outside control of applicant); In re Black Fork Wind Energy LLC, Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN, Entry dated March 24, 2016 (approving extension in part due to litigation delays, and in part because the applicant continued to expend resources to develop the project); In re Buckeye Wind LLC, Case No. 13-360-EL-BGA, Entry dated August 25, 2014 (approving extension due to litigation delays beyond control of applicant). As discussed below, ongoing litigation delays coupled with Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind's continued course of development of these Projects support their requests for extensions to May 28, 2019. This is especially true given the limited duration of the extensions requested by Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind.

Buckeye Wind and Champaign Wind have also continued to show a commitment to developing and constructing the Buckeye I Wind Project and Buckeye II Wind Project, all of which support an extension of the Certificates. Applicants have expended additional and significant resources, and have continued their efforts to develop the Projects, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Settled litigation with Union Neighbors United through a global settlement;
- Submitted amendment applications for both the Buckeye Wind I and Buckeye Wind II Projects to reduce the size of both Projects as a result of that settlement;
- Conducted a Phase I Cultural Survey for Buckeye Wind I and the laydown yard (Charles River Associates);
- Conducted final archeological and architectural surveys for Buckeye Wind I (Cultural Resource Analysts);
- Completed preliminary engineering drawings for access roads and intersection improvements for the Buckeye Wind I Project (Westwood Construction);
- Completed preliminary collection line design drawings for Buckeye Wind I (Pike Engineering);
- Completed final engineering drawings of the 7 acre laydown yard (Hull & Associates);
- Developed a complaint resolution process, a decommissioning plan, and a transportation plan;
- Ordered project collection substation transformer:
- Renewed all FAA Determinations of No Hazard for 55 turbine locations; and
- Commenced preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to be issued for public comment in the third quarter of 2018.

See Exhibit A, Dagger Aff. at ¶¶3a-3k.

The certificate extensions to May 28, 2019 are reasonable given the plan to construct and operate both Projects simultaneously. The Buckeye II Certificate has yet to be extended and this extension request would provide Buckeye I with a fourth extension year. That extension is reasonable considering extensions granted to other projects of much longer duration (and again considering the pending Amendment Applications and shared facilities). Lastly, it should be noted that the Buckeye I and Buckeye II Projects are to be constructed in the same general vicinity, as evidenced by the figure attached as Exhibit 2 showing the 55 turbine locations, of which only 50 will be utilized.

Conclusion

Although Applicants continue to work diligently to develop the Projects, the delays incurred as a result of litigation have delayed Applicants' ability to commence actual construction of the Projects. Further, with amendments pending to both Projects to reduce each project's size, it is very unlikely that litigation surrounding the Projects will be resolved by May 28, 2018. To support the continued development of the Projects, the Applicants request an extension to the term of the certificates to May 28, 2019, a request that will not make any physical changes to the facilities. The Applicants also request an expedited ruling on this Request be made before May 28, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael J. Settineri

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	OFFICER'S AFFID	AVIT
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)) SS:)	

Now comes Masahiro Ogiso, Chief Development Officer of Buckeye Wind LLC and Champaign Wind LLC, who having first been duly sworn, declares and states as follows:

- 1. I am an officer of Buckeye Wind LLC and Champaign Wind LLC, and have responsibility for the Buckeye Wind I Project and Buckeye II Wind Project originally certificated in Goshen, Rush, Salem, Union, Urbana, and Wayne Townships in Champaign County, Ohio.
- 2. I have reviewed the Buckeye Wind LLC and Champaign Wind LLC request for extension of the Certificates originally issued in Case Nos. 08-0666-EL-BGN and 12-0160-EL-BGN.
- 3. To the best of my knowledge, the information and statements contained in the request are true and correct, and the request is complete.

[Signature on following page]

Masahiro Ogiso Chief Development Officer Buckeye Wind LLC Champaign Wind LLC

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 2^{n^4} day of April , 2018.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL

Stephanie M. Ottey, Notary Public
City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
My Commission Expires Oct. 9, 2019

MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

My Commission Expires

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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STATE OF OHIO)	
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN) SS:)	

Now comes Jason Dagger, having been first duly sworn, declares and states as follows:

- I am the project manager for the Buckeye Wind LLC Project originally certificated in Case No. 08-0666-EL-BGN
 and the Champaign Wind LLC Project originally certificated in Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN. In that capacity, I
 have personal knowledge on the development, permitting, and construction progress for both Projects.
- 2. Actual construction for both Projects has been significantly delayed by litigation and associated uncertainty regarding whether the certificates issued by the Ohio Power Siting Board would remain valid, or would be changed in any way as a result of the litigation.
- 3. Applicants have taken steps to develop and construct the Projects including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Settled prior litigation with Union Neighbors United ("UNU");
 - Submitted amendment applications to reduce the size of both Projects as a result of the UNU settlement;
 - Conducted a Phase I Cultural Survey of the Buckeye Wind I project area and associated laydown yard (Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.);

- d. Completed final archeological and architectural surveys for the Buckeye Wind I project (Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.);
- e. Completed preliminary engineering drawings for access roads and intersection improvements for the Buckeye Wind I project (Westwood Construction);
- f. Completed preliminary collection line design drawings for the Buckeye Wind I project (Pike Engineering);
- g. Completed final engineering drawings of the 7 acre laydown yard (Hull & Associates);
- h. Developed a written complaint resolution process, decommissioning plans, and a transportation plan;
- i. Ordered the collection substation transformer for the Projects;
- Renewed all FAA Determinations of No Hazard for the maximum 55 turbine locations that are the subject of pending amendment applications for the Projects; and
- k. Commenced preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to be issued for public comment in the third quarter of 2018.

Jason Dagger Project Manager

Trireme Energy Development II LLC

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this \leq day of $\frac{1}{2}$, 2018.

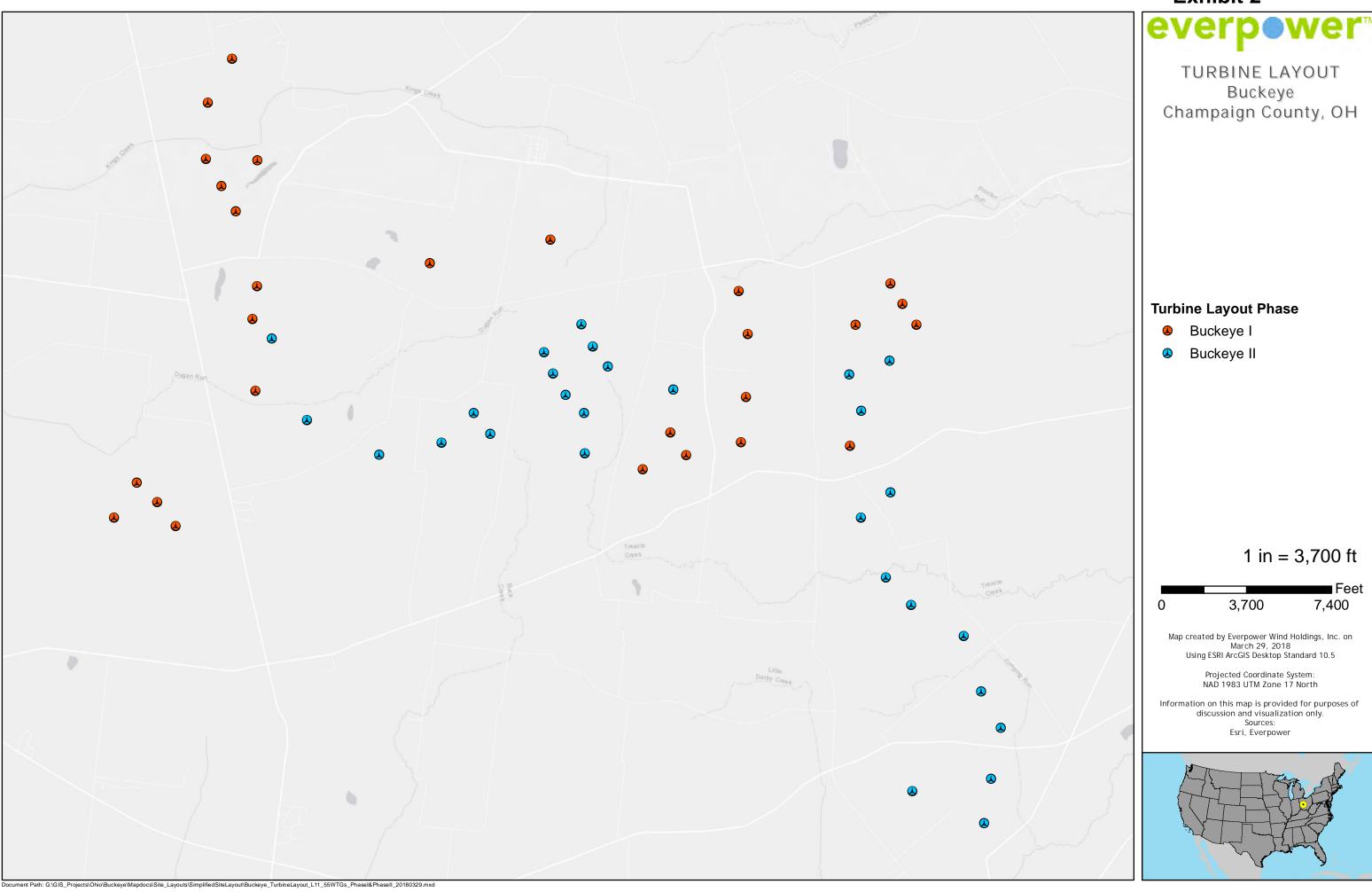
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Exhibit 2



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