

Public comment 16-1871-EL-BGN

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Subject: In Reference to Case # 16-1871-EL-BGN

I'm sending this on behalf of Councilmember Matt Zone.

To OPSB and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources:

Hello, my name is Matt Zone and I serve as a council member for the city of Cleveland, Ward 15 for the past 16-½ years. My district starts at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River and runs west until the city of Lakewood. The entire western waterfront is located in the ward I serve.

Over the course of my career, I've been recognized nationally, regionally and locally as a leader on environmental issues. In 2017, I served as the President of the National League of Cities, the nation's oldest and largest organization representing 19,000 cities, towns and villages, serving more than 218 million Americans. I was also one of the original-founding members of the Great Lakes Energy Development Taskforce, which was chartered with working on a plan to bring renewable energy to the north-coast of Cleveland.

Many people in Cleveland constantly say that our city needs to be innovative and forward-thinking if we are to grow. Well, the wind energy business is exploding worldwide – there is \$7 billion of offshore wind farms planned for the east coast of the U.S. alone.

Cleveland has a significant advanced manufacturing sector, unlike many other metropolitan areas. Our manufacturers can capitalize on this growth industry – the components have to be made somewhere, why not Cleveland? There are many manufacturers in Northeast Ohio who are very supportive of our effort. For example, in my ward, located at West 68th and Madison Ave is Advance Manufacturing Corporation, which has been an anchor in our community since 1936. Advanced Manufacturing has evolved its business strategy to fabricate parts for the wind turbine industry. Organized labor is also supportive, because they rightly see the potential for jobs.

This will be the first-ever fresh water wind farm in the world. This will project put Cleveland on the map, in a very good way – internationally. The wind farm will help brand us as an innovative city that is moving forward with the development of clean energy.

And clean energy is what we are talking about here. Wind energy has no emissions and it isn't affected by political problems or wars. All we need is for Mother Nature to do her thing, and tests show that she will cooperate, particularly on the lake, where the winds are stronger than they are on land. It's a form of clean energy that is rapidly growing.

The city of Cleveland is committed to this project. In 2008, our city council held hearings and adopted an advance energy portfolio standard. The city of Cleveland's AEPS requires 20% of our purchased power to come from a renewable source by 2020 & 25% by 2025. This project will go a long way to realizing the city's goal of generating from a renewable energy source.

I approve the agreement between Icebreaker and the other parties to the case and look favorably to the issuance of a Certificate as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Stop Icebreaker now > The Icebreaker demonstration project is environmentally harmful and will prove devastating to the ecology of Lake Erie, part of the earth's fragile fresh water bodies that has to be preserved. Not only will the dredging and disturbance of the lake bed be harmful, but the presence of these wind turbines will prove deadly to migrating birds, bats, and monarch butterflies. These facts have been well documented and cannot be ignored. The project will pave the way for thousands more IWTs in the lake, spawning catastrophic long-term ecological consequences. Please do not allow LEEDCo a certificate.

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