

Public comment 16-1871-EL-BGN

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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

Regarding Case # 16-1871-EL-BGN Icebreaker Wind, please approve the agreement between Icebreaker and the other parties to the case and issue a Certificate as soon as possible. Please do not require Icebreaker to shut down the wind turbines all night long for ten months of the year. This is an unreasonable requirement and would be counterproductive to the purpose of the project. As a demonstration project, one of the purposes is to determine the impact of the turbines on the birds. There will be extensive monitoring equipment to collect data on the actual bird kills. If the turbines are not allowed to operate at night, this data cannot be collected.

At both public hearings I attended in November 2017 and July 2018, the National Audubon Society flew in a representative from California to testify in favor of the project using the rationale that the turbines pose less of a risk to bird populations than does climate change. Icebreaker impacts have been thoroughly reviewed by over a dozen governmental agencies. It is time to approve the Icebreaker permit application. Cleveland needs the many benefits this project will bring to the region, including good paying jobs, improved air quality, the prestige of being the first, and the clean renewable electricity it will produce.

Please do not erect unreasonable regulatory barriers to the project. The oil and gas industry operates unimpeded in Ohio with the ability to frack a well within 50 feet of a school and have a waste water injection well within 100 feet of a property line. Since this is only a six turbine demonstration project, it should be given similar flexibility.

Thank you for your time,

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The Icebreaker project is an innovative approach to our energy needs! New aesthetics norms will emerge as they have with cell towers and other utilities historically. I urge you to approve the agreement with Icebreaker and other parties to the case and issue a Certificate.

Paul Burik, Avon, Ohio

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