

## THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
PAULDING WIND FARM IV LLC FOR A  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO  
CONSTRUCT A WIND-POWERED ELECTRIC  
GENERATION FACILITY IN PAULDING  
COUNTY, OHIO.

CASE No. 18-91-EL-BGN

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 5, 2018

{¶ 1} On July 2, 2018, as amended on July 27, 2018, and August 14, 2018, Paulding Wind Farm IV LLC filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct 54 wind turbine generator locations, each with a nameplate capacity rating of up to 4.2 megawatts (MW). The total output for the facility will not exceed 125.1 MW. The total number of turbines will depend on the final turbine model selected and should not exceed 37 locations. The facility is anticipated to operate with an average annual capacity factor of between 34 percent and 38 percent, generating a total of approximately 370,000 to 420,000 megawatt-hours of electricity each year depending on the final turbine models selected for the facility. Construction is planned to begin in the second quarter of 2019, and is expected to be completed within 7-9 months. It is anticipated that the facility will be placed into service in the fourth quarter of 2019.

{¶ 2} Consistent with Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-12(A)(2)(a) all interested persons may file a petition for leave to intervene setting forth the grounds for the proposed intervention and the interest of the petitioner in the proceedings. In accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-12(B), a request for intervention shall only be granted upon a showing of good cause.

{¶ 3} Pursuant to the Entry of September 21, 2018, petitions to intervene will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following the publication of notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) or by November 1, 2018, whichever is later.

{¶ 4} On October 31, 2018, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) filed a motion to intervene in this matter. In support of its motion the OFBF states that it maintains a non-profit organization representing agricultural interests at the state and local levels with member families in every county, including hundreds of families in Paulding County. OFBF states that it has extensive experience gathering input, addressing the needs of farm, small business, and rural residents concerning energy development.

{¶ 5} OFBF represents that its members support a diversified energy portfolio, including renewable energy sources such as effective wind energy development. Specifically, OFBF notes that farmers engaged in wind leasing agreements want to make sure that construction activities on their properties adhere to procedures ensuring soil and water conservation, as well as air quality. Further, OFBF submits that residents in rural neighborhoods want assurances that environmental considerations such as setbacks, noise standards, shadow flicker, and other factors are addressed with effective turbine placement. Additionally, OFBF identifies landowners' concern that in the case of a wind project such as the one proposed in this docket, landowners and their properties are protected and that they have appropriate recourse for the needed repairs or remediation. Additionally, OFBF avers that area businesses want to make sure that a wind facility will enhance the local commerce and economic development.

{¶ 6} OFBF asserts that it has a real and substantial interest in this matter that is not represented by existing parties. Further, OFBF states that its involvement will contribute to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved in this matter and will not unduly delay the proceeding or unjustly prejudice an existing party.

{¶ 7} OFBF's motion for intervention is reasonable and should be granted inasmuch as OFBF has demonstrated a real and substantial interest in the proposed project and its participation will contribute to the just and expeditious resolution of the issues in this matter.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the motion for invention be granted in accordance with paragraph 7. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

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/s/ Jay S. Agranoff

By: Jay S. Agranoff  
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry granting the motion for intervention electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Jay S. Agranoff, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board