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Columbus, OH 43215-3793

**Re: Seneca Wind, LLC,  
OPSB Case No. 18-488-EL-BGN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

In compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.06(C), I am attaching for filing in the above-referenced matter, the Proof of Publication attesting to the publication of the Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility. The notice was published in *The Advertiser-Tribune* on December 16, 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dylan F. Borchers

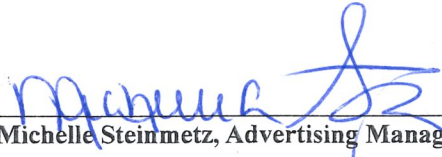
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this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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WASHINGTON



AP PHOTO

Rep. Mark Meadows (left), R-N.C., chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget Mick Mulvaney attend a bill signing by President Donald Trump in the Oval Office of the White House Tuesday in Washington.

# Loyalty, rapport: Why Trump chose Mick Mulvaney

WASHINGTON (AP) — Demonstrated loyalty. Political savvy. Personal rapport.

And, as a bonus, a decent golf game.

President Donald Trump had long made clear the qualities he was looking for in his next chief of staff. And when his first pick turned him down, sparking a frantic search, the president turned to the man he'd already tapped for two previous jobs in his administration: Mick Mulvaney, a blunt, fast-talking former South Carolina congressman turned budget chief who had told Trump months ago he wanted the job.

It was an obvious choice to many outside the administration that reflects the challenges ahead: Trump will soon be fighting for re-election as he contends with a House controlled by Democrats eager to use their new subpoena power to investigate his administration and business dealings. And the Russia investigation continues, with the drip-drip of new allegations mounting daily.

But for Trump, a notoriously mercurial president who has already cycled through two chiefs of staffs in as many years, the decision was as much about current appearances as future negotiations: Spurned by several front-runners and angry over the growing narrative that he couldn't find someone to take the job, Trump made the offer Friday afternoon at a meeting that had originally been scheduled to discuss the ongoing budget showdown that threatens a holiday shutdown.

Trump had made clear to confidantes that, for his third chief of staff, he wanted someone who he liked personally and who would not try to rein him in as John Kelly had during the first months of his soon-to-sour tenure.

Trump missed the more freewheeling feel of the Oval Office under his first chief of staff, Reince Priebus, and wanted someone he could get along with — someone he could trade gossip with, who would complain along with him about his favorite subject, the “fake news,” as well as someone with the political savvy he felt Kelly lacked.

Mulvaney “will let Trump be Trump,” Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who knows both men well, said in an interview Saturday. While other top advisers in the administration have tried to steer the president's policies, Paul said, Mulvaney gets Trump and shares some of his instincts on both domestic and a non-interventionist foreign policy.

Mulvaney's “not going to squash” Trump's instincts, said Paul, who welcomed the congressman as an early supporter of his own libertarian-leaning presidential bid in 2015.

Though Mulvaney had sent mixed public signals in recent weeks as to whether he wanted the chief of staff position, he previously expressed to Trump that he wanted the job. Over a dinner last summer during a bout of deliberations about Kelly's future, Mulvaney told Trump that was interested and vowed to manage the staff and not the president, an answer Trump liked, according to a White House official and a person familiar with the dinner who was not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

Having grown increasingly weary of aides who would tell him no, Trump felt aligned with Mulvaney, of whom he had grown personally fond as the two met to discuss budget matters and played golf together. The president, who has little patience for lengthy briefings, also appreciated the colorful maps and graphics the budget director would use to highlight his presentations. And he considered Mulvaney a natural on television.

Mulvaney, who was elected to Congress in the 2010 tea-party wave, also had shown a willingness to put aside his own, long-held principles in service of Trump. In Congress, he had been a staunch fiscal conservative who helped found the hard-right House Freedom Caucus and railed against deficits. But at OMB, he presided over a growing federal deficit as Trump boosted defense spending and pushed steep tax cuts.

Indeed, in February Mulvaney told a congressional committee that, as a member of Congress, he probably wouldn't have voted for the budget proposal he was presenting.

“But I'm the director of the Office of Management and Budget,” he said, “and my job is to fund the president's priorities, which is exactly what we did.”

After he was announced as budget director, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called Mulvaney a “radical” who had consistently voted to cut Medicare benefits and was a supporter of government shutdowns in 2013 and 2015 over spending for the health care law and Planned Parenthood.

Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill added, “It sends a clear message that at this critical time the President would choose to elevate the architect of the last Republican government shutdown.”

Democratic Senate leader Chuck Schumer Friday said in a tweet that Trump's decision to elevate Mulvaney to chief of staff was “Very troubling (but not surprising!)”

But Jonathan Slemrod, who ran Mulvaney's outreach to Congress, said Mulvaney has the ability to work on Capitol Hill and was a skilled manager who could run a large organization.

“Mick has stronger relationships on the Hill than the press wants to write,” Slemrod said. “He's willing to compromise. He's willing to work with both sides.”

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, another founder of the House Freedom Caucus, also downplayed any friction between Mulvaney and rank-and-file Republicans, saying there has been nothing that needed smoothing over.

“Mick is a great pick,” Jordan said, and will “do an outstanding job.”

Jordan represents Ohio's 4th Congressional District, which includes Seneca County.

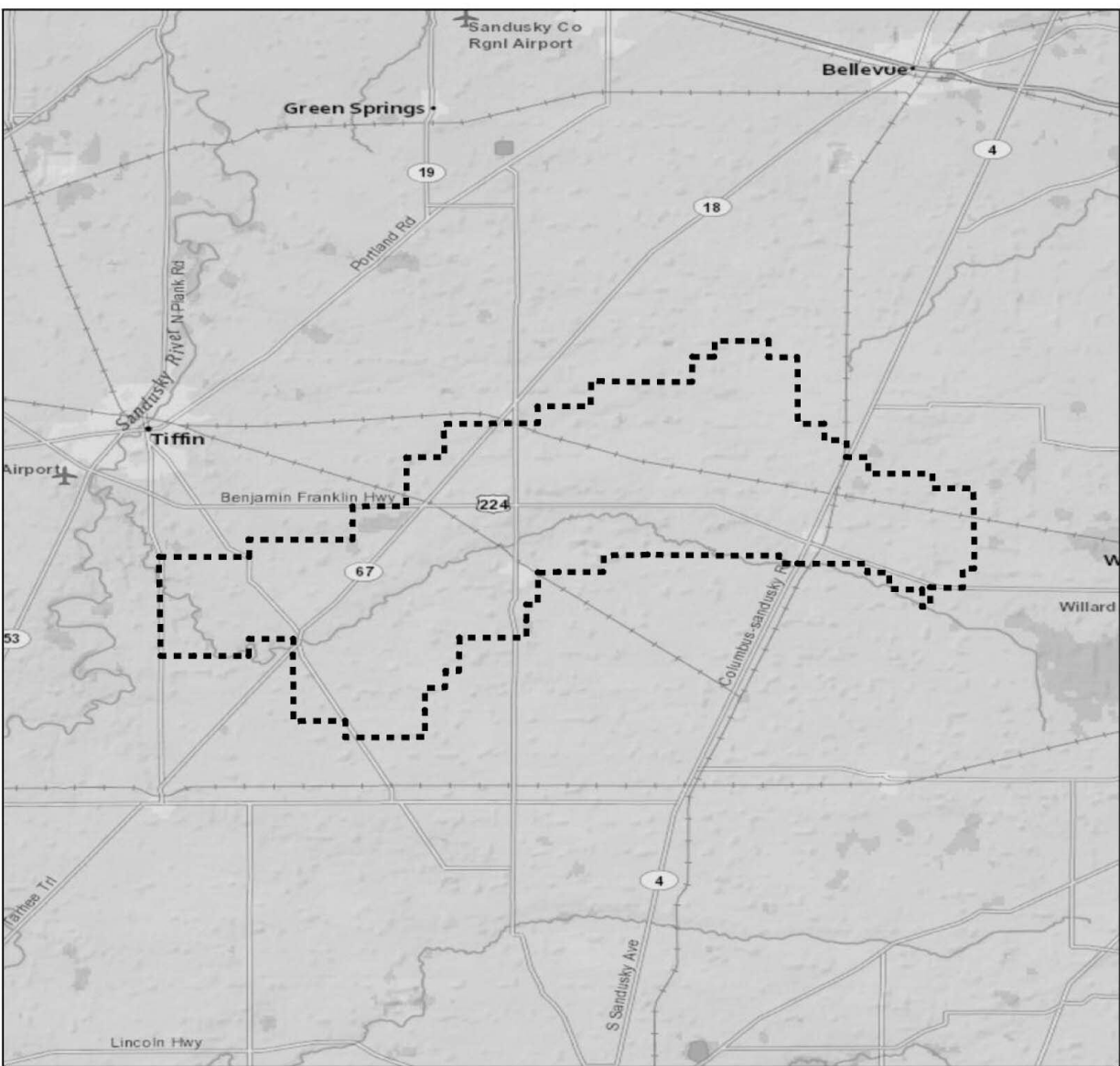
# Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility (Wind Farm)

## FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Seneca Wind, LLC proposes to construct, own, and operate a 200 megawatt (MW) wind-powered electric generation facility, Seneca Wind, in Seneca County, Ohio. The project will be built on approximately 25,000 acres of leased private land in Scipio, Reed, Venice, Eden, and Bloom Townships, Seneca County. The wind farm will consist of up to 85 wind turbine generators, along with access roads, electric collection cables, a substation, a laydown yard for construction staging, an operations and maintenance facility, and two meteorological towers. The nameplate capacity rating of these wind turbine generators ranges from 2.30 to 2.8 megawatts, depending on the final turbine model selected. The total output of the wind farm will not exceed 200 megawatts. The energy generated at the wind farm will deliver power to a single point of interconnection on the AEP Melmore 138 kilovolt transmission line. Construction of the project is projected to begin in April of 2019, with projected commercial operation in December of 2019.

## LOCATION AND GENERAL LAYOUT

The general location and planned project layout of Seneca Wind Farm is shown on the map below:



## APPLICATION NOW PENDING

Seneca Wind has an Application pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. The assigned docket number for the Application is Case No. 18-433-EL-BGN, and copies of all filings in the case can be located at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at (<http://www.opsb.ohio.gov>) by scrolling down to iPending Cases and selecting the case by name or docket number. To view the filings, click the case number for the case record.

## PUBLIC OFFICIALS SERVED WITH COPIES OF THE APPLICATION

The following public officials were served with a copy of the Application: Charles Miller, Gerald Miller, David Wright, Reed Township Trustees; Brad Bowerman, Jason Burkholder, Rodney Miller, Scipio Township Trustees; Brett Meyers, Ken Kochel, Ed Wurm, Venice Township Trustees; Verne Shellhouse, David Ziegler, Vern Morter, Eden Tonwhip Trustees; Ronald Lease, Ronald Fry, Troy Kagy, Bloom Township Trustees; Holly Stacy, Mike Kerschner, Shayne Thomas, Seneca County Commissioners; Mark Zimmerman, Seneca County Engineer; Joe Steyer, President of the Seneca Soil & Water Conservation District; and Holly Stacy, Board President of Seneca Regional Planning Commission. A copy of the Application is also available for public inspection at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, 77 Jefferson Street, Tiffin, Ohio 44883 Bliss Memorial Public Library, 20 S. Marion Street, Bloomville, Ohio 44818; and Seneca East Public Library, 14 N. Main Street, Attica, Ohio 44807.

## OHIO POWER SITING BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10(A) the Ohio Power Siting Board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Board, unless it finds and determines all of the following: (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline; (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact; (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations; (4) In the case of an electric transmission line, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the Board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under Section 4561.341 of the Revised Code; (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility; rules adopted to evaluate impact under Division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site; and (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

## STATEMENT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4906.07

Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Power Siting Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable. The public hearing for this case shall consist of two parts:

- A local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any interested persons, on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 commencing at 3:00 p.m., and continuing until 9:00 p.m., at the Tiffin University, Marion Center, 235 Miami Street, Tiffin, Ohio 44883. The purpose of the local public hearing is to allow interested persons in the project area, who are not parties to the case, to provide written or oral testimony regarding the project; and,
- An adjudicatory hearing to commence on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11- A, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The purpose of the adjudicatory hearing is for Seneca Wind, Staff, and intervenors to provide evidence regarding the project.

The chairman of the Ohio Power Siting Board shall cause each application filed with the Board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the Board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and the report shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

## STATEMENT OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4906.08(C)

The Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the Board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-3-09. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 18-488-EL-BGN.

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