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Ms. Barcy McNeal  
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180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

**Re: Seneca Wind, LLC Letter of Notification for Seneca Wind Gen-Tie,  
Case No. 18-1794-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-6-08(A), attached for filing in the above-referenced matter, is the Proof of Publication attesting to the publication of the Notice of Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility (New Interconnection Facility Construction). The notice was published in *The Advertiser-Tribune* on December 18, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Dylan F. Borchers

Attachment

**The Advertiser-Tribune**

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Michelle Steinmetz, Advertising Manager

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

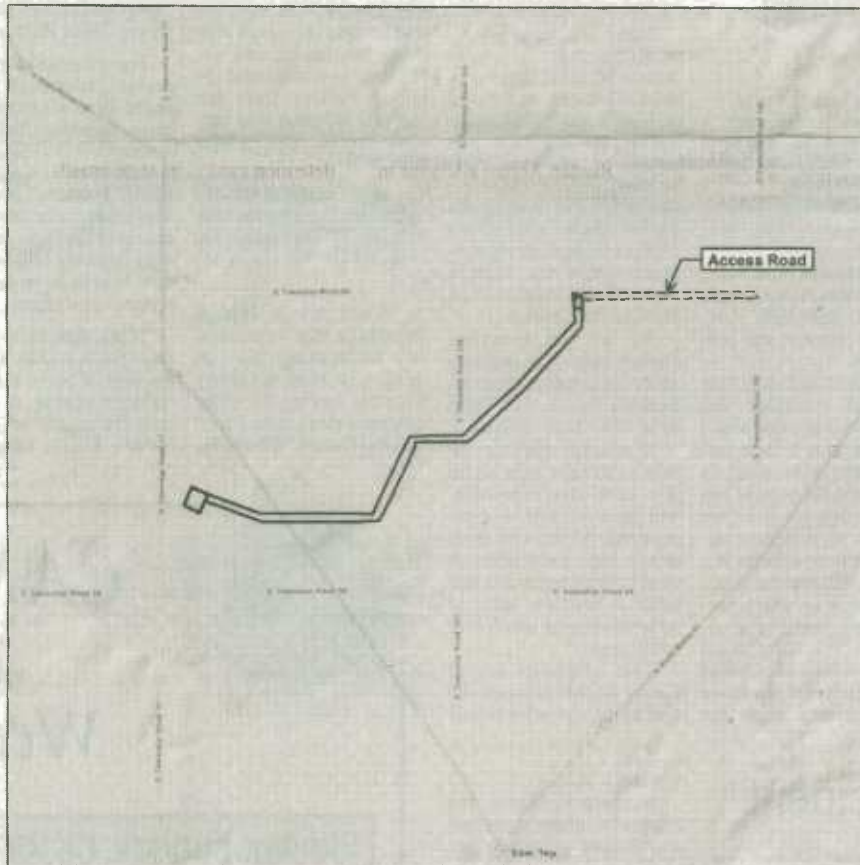
  
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**MARY HUSS**  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
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# Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility (New Interconnection Facility Construction)

Seneca Wind, LLC (iSeneca Windi) proposes to construct the Seneca Gen-Tie to interconnect Applicant's proposed 200 MW wind energy generating facility to an existing American Electric Power (AEP) 138-kv electric transmission line to be provided via collection lines into the proposed Seneca Wind Project Substation. The Seneca Wind Project Substation will be constructed on approximately 1.0 acre of currently undeveloped property located east of Trail 0159. Power generated by Seneca Wind will be collected into the Seneca Wind Project Substation, which will then increase the voltage from 34.5-kV to 138 kV. The Seneca Wind Project Substation will be accessed via a 3,250-foot long, 16-foot wide access road that extends west off Trail 0165. The 1.65-mile 138-kV Gen-Tie Line will exit the Seneca Wind Project Substation to interconnect with the existing Melmore Substation. All components of the Seneca Wind Gen-Tie are located within Seneca County, Ohio, and are proposed on property under ownership or lease of the Applicant.

The location of the proposed Seneca Wind Project Substation is shown on the map below:



A Letter of Notification (LON) has been filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) as Case No. 18-1794-EL-BLN in order to construct, operate and maintain the proposed interconnection facility described above.

The following public officials were served a complete copy of the LON:

The following public officials were served with a copy of the Application: Verne Shellhouse, David Ziegler, Vern Morter, Eden Tonwhip 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 LON 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.

A copy of the LON is located on Seneca Wind's web page at on. <https://senecawind.spower.com/>. Copies of all filings in this case can also 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.

The Ohio Power Siting Board will review the Letter of Notification in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10(A) which states that the 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; (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.

Affected persons may file comments or motions to intervene in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-2-12 with the Board up to ten (10) days following the publication of this notice. Comments or motions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 18-1794-EL-BLN. Persons may contact the Ohio Power Siting Board at 1-866-270-OPSB (6772) or

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