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Ohio Power Siting Board,

We understand there has been some concern from some members of the community and some legislators in regards to the Public Information Meeting held for the Emerson Creek Wind Farm (Case 18-1607-EL-BGN) on November 15, 2018. This Public Information Meeting was held in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), including proper notice and the availability of project information. At the meeting, the Applicant provided availability to numerous subject matter experts, including a project engineer, a project geographic information systems expert, two wildlife experts, a wind resource expert, four project developers, and a visual simulations expert. The meeting opened prior to the advertised start time and closed after the advertised ending time. There were hundreds of community members who attended, learned about the project by asking the assorted experts, and provided comments and thoughts to the staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board that was present.

All members of the public had the opportunity to attend, listen, and be heard, including those in the public that expressed opinions for and against the project. All members of the general public were permitted to attend and speak out respectfully, whether they supported or opposed the development of the project. However, during the meeting, one individual was requested to leave the meeting. This individual was acting disruptively and in a manner not conducive to allowing the other members of the public to attend the meeting comfortably and to learn about the project from the assorted experts. This individual had been at the meeting for about an hour (half of the OAC required Public Information Meeting time length) and had already engaged with and asked questions to many of the assorted experts. No other members of the public, whether in opposition or support of the project, were asked to leave. Prior to the Public Information Meeting, the Applicant had discussed with Ohio Power Siting Board staff protocol for a situation similar to this, and staff had expressed an understanding of the Applicant's plan to follow that protocol.

Due to the concern the public and the legislators have raised over this isolated incident with one member of the public, the Applicant is happy to oblige a meeting with this member of the public to answer any additional questions the individual may have about the Emerson Creek Wind Farm. The assorted experts from the Public Information Meeting, while not present for this individual meeting, can be made available over phone during this meeting to answer any previously unanswered questions.

The Applicant followed OAC requirements for the Public Information Meeting, and have made themselves available at countless County Commissioner and Township Trustee meetings to answer questions from the public, both those in support and in opposition of the project, and the

Applicant will continue to do so. In addition to these opportunities to learn about the project, and if desired by the individual member of the public that was asked to leave the Public Information Meeting to answer, the Applicant will host an individual meeting with this individual to answer any remaining questions. Furthermore, if any legislator has questions about the Project, the Applicant would be happy to arrange a meeting with them as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and please reach out if you have any questions.

Best,



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