

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Paulding Wind Farm IV LLC for a	:	Case No. 18-1293-EL-BTX
Certificate of Environmental	:	
Compatibility and Public Need to	:	
Construct a Transmission Line in Paulding	:	
County, Ohio	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
GRANT T. ZETO
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

Staff Exhibit 1

March 11, 2019

1 **1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.**

2 A. My name is Grant T. Zeto, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.

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5 **2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?**

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a
7 Utility Specialist 2 in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy Division
8 of the PUCO's Rates and Analysis Department.

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10 **3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.**

11 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environment and Natural
12 Resources from The Ohio State University, in Columbus, Ohio. I have been
13 employed by the PUCO since August, 2011. My responsibilities during this
14 time have primarily involved review and analysis of Power Siting cases.

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16 **4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
17 Board?**

18 A. Yes, I testified to sponsor the Staff Reports of Investigation in six other
19 cases.

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21 **5. Q. What kind of a case is this?**

1 A. The Applicant proposes to construct the Timber Road IV 138 kV
2 transmission line in Paulding County, Ohio.

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4 **6. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case?**

5 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
6 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information from
7 the Applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the Board
8 along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a Staff
9 Report that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations. As
10 a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is recommending that the Board
11 approve the application, subject to the 14 conditions that are presented in the
12 stipulation.

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14 **7. Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to make to the Staff Report of**
15 **Investigation?**

16 A. No

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18 **8. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

19 A. With my testimony, I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff
20 Report) filed February 15, 2019, in the docket of this case. In addition, I note
21 that Staff supports the Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) that
22 was filed in the docket of this case.

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2 **9. Q. Please identify the signatory parties to the Stipulation**

3 A. The Board Staff, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and Paulding Wind
4 Farm IV LLC are the signatory parties to the Stipulation.

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6 **10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

7 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
8 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
9 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Grant T. Zeto** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 11th day of March 2019.

/s/ Robert Eubanks

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