

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Lauren Augostini, Administrative Law
Judge, at the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad
Street, Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00
a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

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Tuesday Morning Session,
March 19, 2019.

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ALJ AUGOSTINI: Let's go on the record.

The Ohio Power Siting Board has assigned
for public hearing at this time and place Case No.
18-1293-EL-BTX which is captioned in the Matter of
the Application of Paulding Wind Farm IV LLC for a
Certificate of Environmental -- of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a
Transmission Line in Paulding County, Ohio.

My name is Lauren Augostini, and I am the
Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Ohio Power
Siting Board to preside over this case. At this time
I would like to take appearances of the parties,
beginning with the Applicant.

MS. PIRIK: Thank you, your Honor. On
behalf of the Applicant Paulding Wind Farm IV, the
law firm of Dickinson Wright, Christine Pirik,
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Columbus, Ohio 43215.

MR. EUBANKS: Robert Eubanks, Attorney
General's Office, here on behalf of Staff, 30 East
Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 16th Floor.

ALJ AUGOSTINI: Thank you.

1 MS. MILAM: Good morning, your Honor, Amy
2 Milam on behalf of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation,
3 280 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

4 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Thank you. Now, before
5 we proceed, does anyone in attendance want to give
6 public testimony on the project?

7 Hearing none, let's continue. The
8 parties have indicated that they have reached a
9 stipulation in the matter?

10 MS. PIRIK: Yes, your Honor.

11 ALJ AUGOSTINI: And are you ready to
12 proceed?

13 MS. PIRIK: Yes, we are. Your Honor,
14 would you like us to mark the exhibits? They are
15 listed in the Stipulation on page 6 but -- or page 5.

16 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Yeah, let's mark them.

17 MS. PIRIK: Okay. Applicant Exhibit 1 is
18 the Application that was filed on October 17, 2018.
19 Applicant Exhibit 2 the Supplement to the Application
20 filed on February 1, 2019. Applicant Exhibit 3 is
21 the clarification to the Supplement that was filed on
22 February 5, 2019. Applicant Exhibit 4 is the
23 Certificate of Service that was filed on December 17,
24 2018. Applicant Exhibit 5 Proof of Service and
25 Initial Publication filed on January 28, 2019.

1 Applicant Exhibit 6 Proof of Service and Second
 2 Publication that was filed on February 27, 2019.
 3 Applicant Exhibit 7 is the Prefiled Testimony of Erin
 4 Bowser. And we would also be marking as Joint
 5 Exhibit 1 the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation.

6 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Thank you. The exhibits
 7 Applicant Exhibits 1 through 7 and Joint Exhibit 1
 8 will be so marked.

9 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

10 ALJ AUGOSTINI: You may call your first
 11 witness.

12 MS. PIRIK: The Applicant calls Erin
 13 Bowser.

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15 ERIN BOWSER
 16 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
 17 examined and testified as follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 By Ms. Pirik:

20 Q. Good morning, Ms. Bowser.

21 A. Good morning.

22 Q. Could you please state your name and
 23 spell your name for the record.

24 A. Erin, E-R-I-N, Bowser, B-O-W-S-E-R.

25 Q. By whom are you employed?

1 A. EDP Renewables.

2 Q. Did you provide a direct prefiled
3 testimony in this matter?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 MS. PIRIK: Your Honor, we've already
6 marked the exhibit as Applicant Exhibit 7, and we
7 provided a copy to the court reporter.

8 Q. (By Ms. Pirik) Do you have a copy of
9 what's been marked as Applicant Exhibit 7?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. Is this your prefiled testimony?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. That -- was it prepared under your
14 direction?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you have any changes, corrections, or
17 additions?

18 A. No.

19 Q. If you were asked the same questions
20 today, would your answers be the same?

21 A. Yes.

22 MS. PIRIK: Your Honor, I move for
23 admission of Applicant Exhibit 7, subject to
24 cross-examination, as well as Joint Exhibit 1 which
25 is the Stipulation.

1 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Is there any cross? No
2 objections?

3 Okay. Applicant Exhibits 1 through 7 and
4 Joint Exhibit 1 are submitted to the record.

5 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

6 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Staff?

7 You may be excused. Sorry.

8 MR. EUBANKS: Yes. I would like to call
9 to the stand Grant Zeto.

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11 GRANT ZETO

12 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
13 examined and testified as follows:

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 By Mr. Eubanks:

16 Q. Could you state your name and spell it.

17 A. Grant, G-R-A-N-T, Zeto, Z-E-T-O.

18 Q. Your position and your duties?

19 A. I am a Utility Specialist 2 with the
20 Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board.

21 Q. Did you prepare prefiled testimony for
22 this hearing?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. I would like to hand you... Could you
25 review that document and identify it, if you can.

1 A. This is my prefiled testimony marked as
2 Staff Exhibit 2.

3 Q. It was prepared by you or under your
4 direction?

5 A. Yes, it was.

6 Q. Is it a true and accurate copy?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. Looking at your testimony today, is there
9 anything that you would like to change about it?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Could you summarize the purpose of your
12 testimony.

13 A. The purpose of my testimony was to
14 sponsor the Staff Report of Investigation filed on
15 February 15, 2019, and to note that Staff supports
16 the Stipulation and Recommendation.

17 Q. You mentioned the Staff Report of
18 Investigation. Could you look at that document.
19 Could you identify it.

20 A. This is the Staff Report of Investigation
21 that was filed on February 15.

22 Q. Okay. Is it a true and accurate copy?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. Did you help prepare that document?

25 A. Yes, I did.

1 MR. EUBANKS: I would like to, in
2 accordance with the Stipulation, have the -- his
3 prefiled testimony marked as Staff Exhibit 2 and have
4 the Staff's Staff Report marked as Staff's Exhibit 1.

5 ALJ AUGOSTINI: They will be so marked.

6 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

7 MR. EUBANKS: I would like to move to
8 have those documents submitted into the record.

9 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Okay. Do we have any
10 cross?

11 MS. PIRIK: No, your Honor.

12 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Do we have any objections
13 to Staff Exhibit 1 and 2?

14 MS. MILAM: No, your Honor.

15 MS. PIRIK: No, your Honor.

16 ALJ AUGOSTINI: They will be moved into
17 the record.

18 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

19 ALJ AUGOSTINI: You may be excused.
20 Thank you.

21 Are there any matters that need to be
22 addressed?

23 MS. PIRIK: Your Honor, we would just
24 note that we have asked for same day transcript so
25 that you will have time to review it.

1 ALJ AUGOSTINI: Thank you. I appreciate
2 it.

3 All right. Hearing no more matters that
4 need to be addressed, this case is submitted on the
5 record, and this hearing is adjourned. Thank you.

6 (Thereupon, at 10:06 a.m., the hearing
7 was concluded.)

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9 CERTIFICATE

10 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
11 a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
12 taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, March 19,
13 2019, and carefully compared with my original
14 stenographic notes.

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Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
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