# BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Republic	)	
Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental	)	
Compatibility and Public Need for a Wind-	)	Case No. 17-2295-EL-BGN
Powered Electric Generating Facility in	)	
Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Ohio.	)	

# UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR STAFF REPORT AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative ("OAC") Rule 4906-2-27(A) and (C), Republic Wind, LLC ("Republic" or "Applicant") and the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Staff") (collectively the "Joint Movants") hereby request that the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB" or "Board"), suspend the procedural schedule and extend the deadline for the Staff Report by ninety (90) days. Joint Movants submit this motion to allow additional time for Republic to provide Staff with information they need to complete their Report of Investigation. The Staff Report is currently due on April 29, 2019. Joint Movants contacted counsel for the other parties in this proceeding regarding this motion. The other parties indicated that they do not oppose this motion and do not oppose expedited treatment of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On February 2, 2018, and as amended on March 27, 2018, Republic Wind filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a wind-powered electric generating facility in Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Ohio. By Entry issued July 18, 2018, the effective date of the filing of the Republic application was established as July 18, 2018, and the administrative law judge ("ALJ") established a procedural schedule. On August 29, 2018, Republic filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule. By Entry issued September 4, 2018, the ALJ granted Republic's motion to suspend the procedural schedule. On December 26 and 27, 2018, Republic filed an amended application. Republic also filed a motion for a procedural schedule, which was granted in part and denied in part by Entry issued February 15, 2019. The procedural schedule was further revised by Entry dated March 13, 2019.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-2-27, Joint Movants request that the Board suspend the procedural schedule and extend the deadline for the Staff Report 90 days from April 29, 2019. Tolling of the current procedural schedule will provide Republic sufficient time to submit additional information to Staff which is needed to complete their investigation. Nothing in this motion shall preclude Staff and/or Republic from subsequently filing a motion to establish an

earlier Staff Report deadline if the information needed to complete the Staff Report is obtained earlier than expected. The movants are also requesting a stay discovery during this tolling period.

Joint Movants request expedited treatment of this motion because the Staff Report is due on April 29, 2019. This motion is not submitted for purposes of delay. Rather, Joint Movants seek suspension of the procedural schedule to ensure that Republic will have sufficient time to provide Staff the information needed to complete its report.

Joint Movants contacted the other parties in this proceeding regarding this motion. The other parties indicated that they do not oppose this motion and do not oppose expedited treatment of this motion. Accordingly, Joint Movants request that the ALJ or Board to grant this motion.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Motion was served upon the following parties listed below by electronic mail, this  $\underline{26^{th}}$  day of April 2019.

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