

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Eric R. Morrison
SITING, EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RATES AND ANALYSIS
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

STAFF EX. ____

October 28, 2019

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

2 A. My name is Eric R. Morrison, 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 (Commission)
7 as a Utility Analyst 2 in the Siting, Efficiency, and Renewables Division of
8 the Commission's Department of Rates and Analysis. My position includes
9 assigned duties for the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) to investigate
10 applications filed with the Board and assist in preparing reports.
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12 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

13 A. I received a Bachelor of Specialized Studies Degree with an emphasis on
14 Civil Engineering and Business from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.
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16 I have been employed by the PUCO since March, 2017. My responsibilities
17 during this time have primarily involved review of Power Siting cases.
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19 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
20 Board?

21 A. Yes.

22 5. Q. Please describe Staff' investigation that was conducted in this case.

1 A. As part of the investigation, Staff reviewed the application, conducted site
2 visits to the proposed facility location, reviewed additional information
3 from the applicant, obtained information from state agencies that make up
4 the Board and other state and federal agencies, prepared a Staff Report,
5 presenting Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations.
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7 6. Q. What was your role in this case?

8 A. I was a Staff subject analyst for portions of the Staff Report of Investigation
9 (Staff Report) by contributing to the overall staff investigation as well the
10 Administrative Project Lead.
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12 7. Q. What sections of the Staff Report did you work on?

13 A. Applicant and Applicant History, Project Description, Basis of Need, Roads
14 and Bridges, Minimum Adverse Impact Summary, Agricultural Districts
15 and Agricultural Land.
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17 8. Q. Are you responsible for any conditions in the Staff Report? If so, which
18 ones?

19 A. Yes, I am responsible for conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, and 19 in the
20 Staff Report.
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22 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

1 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
2 mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response
3 to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Eric R. Morrison, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 28th day of October, 2019.

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