

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Republic Wind, LLC for a Certificate to	:	
Site Wind-Powered Electric Generation	:	Case No. 17-2295-EL-BGN
Facilities in Seneca and Sandusky	:	
Counties, Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Derek F. Collins
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
ON BEHALF OF STAFF OF THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

STAFF EX. ____

Dated: October 28, 2019

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

2 A. My name is Derek F. Collins, and I recently retired from working at the
3 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I worked as an employee of the PUCO, formerly employed as a Geology
7 Specialist in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy Division of the
8 PUCO's Rates and Analysis Department.
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I hold a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University in Geology (1980). I had
12 been employed by the State of Ohio from 1986 and specifically with the
13 PUCO from 2010 to 2019. I worked exclusively on power siting activities
14 during that time. I have developed analyses for over 25 cases before the
15 Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board"). My responsibilities typically include
16 geotechnical review and the preparation of analysis for the siting of major
17 utility facilities in Ohio.
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19 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board?

20 A. Yes.
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22 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

1 A. With my testimony, I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of
2 Investigation (Staff Report). Specifically, I was a Staff analyst for portions
3 of the Staff Report pertaining to ecological impacts, specifically, the public
4 and private water supply, geology, and slopes and soil suitability.

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6 6. Q. Are you testifying to any specific conditions in the Staff Report? If so,
7 which ones?

8 A. No.

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10 7. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

11 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
12 as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or
13 in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Derek F. Collins, 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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