

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Jason Cross
BUSINESS RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
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 Jason A. Cross, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, 6th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
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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 Business Process Analyst 2, in the Information Technology division of the
8 PUCO’s Business Resources Department. At the time of the issuance of the
9 Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) I was a Utilities Specialist 3, in
10 the GIS and Operations division of the PUCO’s Rates and Analysis
11 Department.
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13 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

14 A. I received an Associates of Science degree in Electronics Engineering
15 Technology from ITT Technical Institute in 1993 and a Bachelor of Science
16 degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from DeVry University in
17 1998.

18 I have been employed by the PUCO for roughly eighteen years, from 2001
19 to present. While employed in the Rates and Analysis Department, my
20 responsibilities at the PUCO have primarily involved engineering,
21 including, but not limited to, grid interconnection, Ohio’s bulk electric
22 system, and regional transmission organizations. I have been the staff

expert on grid interconnection related items in over one hundred Staff reports.

4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”)?

A. Yes. The most recent case I testified in was an American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company (Case No. 11-1313-EL-BSB) proceeding. In addition, I have assisted in the preparation of multiple staff reports and investigations before the OPSB and the PUCO.

5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

A. I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report. Specifically, I was a Staff analyst for portions of the Staff Report pertaining to whether the Applicant has provided information that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability.

6. Q. Does this facility serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability?

A. Yes. The Applicant has executed an Interconnection Service Agreement with PJM Interconnection, LLC’s (“PJM”) and American Electric Power.

1 7. Q. Were you responsible for any specific conditions in the Staff Report? If so,
2 which ones?

3 A. Yes, condition 16.
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5 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Jason Cross, 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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