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BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DAWN HOEPF ON  
BEHALF OF THE LOCAL RESIDENT INTERVENORS**

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**Q.1. Please state your name and home address.**

A.1. Dawn Hoepf, 4600 North State Route 19, Republic, OH 44867.

**Q.2. On whose behalf are you offering testimony in this case?**

A.2. I am offering testimony on behalf of Intervenor Joseph & Diane Anderson, Denise Bell, Aaron & Carrie Boes, Richard & Linda Bollenbacher, Rob & Mary Chappell, Thomas & Kathleen Fries, Leslie & Dennis Hackenburg, Jeffrey & DeeAnne Hamilton, Allen & Mary Hassellbach, Duane & Deb Hay, Ethan & Crystal Hoepf, Gary & Dawn Hoepf, Jason & Michelle Hoepf, Taylor Hoepf, David P. Hoover, Jeffrey A. Hoover, Kenneth & Debra Hossler, Greg & Laura Jess, Mike & Tiffany Kessler, Leonard & Beverly Kubitz, Gary & Michelle Miller, Steven & Kelley Miller, Kim Mitchell, Charles & Linda Morsher, Patricia Motry, Steven & Linda Mulligan, Doug & Jennifer Myers, Linda Niederkohr, Kevin & Jennifer Oney, Nicholas & Michelle Reiter, Tom & Lori Scheele, Elaine Schultz, James & Victoria Seliga, Eugene & JoAnn Smith, James & Elaine Steinmetz, Herman & Patricia Studer, Christine Vogt, Mark Weber & Cindra Riley, Charles & Rhonda Weyer, Ann Wright, and Chris & Danielle Zeman (together, the “Local Residents”).

1 **Q.3. Where do you and your family live in relation to the turbine sites planned for the**  
2 **Republic Wind facility?**

3 A.3. My husband Gary Hoepf and I live on a parcel of about four acres located along and to  
4 the west of State Route 19 between Township Roads 138 and 148 in Adams Township,  
5 Seneca County. According to Republic Wind's application, our home and property are  
6 located near a number of turbine sites. The attached Exhibit A is a map showing the  
7 location of our property as a rose-colored square with yellow lines drawn between our  
8 property and proposed Republic Wind turbine sites. The nine nearest proposed turbine  
9 sites are shown as "+" symbols in red circles. The distance in feet between each of these  
10 turbines and our property is shown next to each of these turbine sites.

11 **Q.4. What recreational activities, if any, do you and your family enjoy in your yard?**

12 A.4. My husband and I have a pool in our backyard and we like to socialize with our children,  
13 grandchildren, and friends at the pool and in the yard. Birds and bats are common in our  
14 yard, and we enjoy watching them. Bats live in our two barns. We erected bluebird boxes  
15 in our yard for nesting. We have a bird bath in the yard. We have planted about 100 trees  
16 that attract birds and other wildlife.

17 **Q.5. Do you have any concerns about the potential impact of the Republic Wind project**  
18 **on the enjoyment of your yard?**

19 A.5. Yes. In particular, my husband and I are concerned that noise and shadow flicker from  
20 the wind turbines may spoil the enjoyment of our yard and annoy us in the house. The  
21 Exhibit B attached hereto depicts the view of a sunset from our backyard near the pool.  
22 We are concerned that any wind turbine(s) located between our yard and the setting sun  
23 as depicted in this photograph could cause shadow flicker on our property.

1 **Q.6. Have you seen any Bald Eagle nests in or near the Project Area for the Republic**  
2 **Wind project?**

3 A.6. Yes.

4 **Q.7. Where have you seen these Bald Eagle nests?**

5 A.7. I have seen six eagle nests. On Exhibit C attached hereto, I have marked the locations of  
6 these eagle sightings on a copy of Figure 2 of Exhibit E of Republic Wind's application  
7 dated December 26, 2018. On Exhibit C, a handwritten "X" inside a circle marks the  
8 location of each eagle nest I saw.

9 On about a dozen occasions in 2019, I viewed a Bald Eagle nest on wooded land  
10 owned Gary Weller located just west of State Route 18 and south of Township Road 138  
11 within the blue outline of the Project Area shown on Exhibit C. I have seen Bald Eagles  
12 near this nest on at least six of these occasions, including one on April 23, 2019, when I  
13 saw a mature Bald Eagle sitting on the nest. Most of these eagles were adults (i.e., eagles  
14 with white heads), including a Bald Eagle that flew out of this nest during one of my  
15 visits. A photograph I took of this nest on October 24, 2019 is attached as Exhibit D.

16 On October 24, 2019, I saw Bald Eagles at three eagle nests northwest of the  
17 Republic Wind Project Area. One of these nests is located at State Route 19 north of  
18 Green Springs, Ohio. I saw one mature Bald Eagle at that nest. The location of this nest  
19 is not marked on Exhibit C. Another nest is located to the west of North County Road 51  
20 between its intersections with East Township Roads 164 and 166. Its location is marked  
21 with an "X" inside a circle on Exhibit C. I saw two mature Bald Eagles at that nest.  
22 Another nest is located near the intersection of North Township Road 133 and East

1 County Road 51. Its location is marked with an “X” inside a circle on Exhibit C. I saw  
2 two mature Bald Eagles at that nest.

3 On October 25, 2019, I saw Bald Eagles at two eagle nests west and southwest of  
4 the Republic Wind Project Area. One of these nests is located on the west side of County  
5 Road 33 between its intersections with East Township Roads 144 and 148. Its location is  
6 marked with an “X” inside a circle on Exhibit C. I saw two mature and two immature  
7 Bald Eagles near this nest. Another nest is located near State Route 101. On Exhibit C,  
8 its location is marked with an “X” inside a circle over the word “Project” in the lower left  
9 hand corner of the map. I saw two mature Bald Eagles there.

10 **Q.7. Besides the Bald Eagles you described in your previous answer, have you seen any**  
11 **other Bald Eagles in the Project Area for the Republic Wind project?**

12 A.7. Yes.

13 **Q.8. Where have you seen these Bald Eagles?**

14 A.8. On October 25, 2019, I saw two mature Bald Eagles in a field about 200 yards from the  
15 nest in Gary Weller’s woods. My photograph of these eagles is attached as Exhibit E.

16 On October 25, 2019, I saw one immature and two mature Bald Eagles flying to  
17 the southeast of my house.

18 On October 24, 2019, I saw a mature Bald Eagle in a tree in a field about 300  
19 yards from this nest. My photograph of this eagle is attached as Exhibit F.

20 On October 24, 2019, Crystal Hoepf and I saw a mature Bald Eagle flying above  
21 an open area to the southeast of East County Road 38 and North Township Road 175.

22 On October 24, 2019, I saw an immature Bald Eagle perched in a tree just south  
23 of my property along State Route 19.

1           On August 17, 2019, I saw an adult Bald Eagle sitting in a field within the  
2           Republic Wind Project Area along Township Road 138 east of State Route 19 near our  
3           house as I was riding in a pickup truck on Township Road 138.

4           On or around April 30, 2019, I saw an immature Bald Eagle sitting in tree behind  
5           a cemetery southeast of the intersection of State Route 19 and North State Route 101.

6           On May 10, 2019, I saw two mature Bald Eagles perched in a tree southeast of  
7           State Route 18 and Township Road 138.

8           On May 11, 2019, I saw one mature Bald Eagle in a tree at the same location as  
9           the eagle I saw on May 10, 2019, and another mature Bald Eagle sitting on the ground in  
10          a field northeast of the intersection of State Route 18 and Township Road 138.

11          On October 29, 2018, I saw three Bald Eagles flying over a field within the  
12          Republic Wind Project Area at the northeast corner of Township Road 148 and Township  
13          Road 175 as I was driving on Township Road 175.

14          In the summer of 2018, I saw a mature Bald Eagle on the berm of State Route 19  
15          just south of my land within the Project Area.

16          On or around April 9, 2018, I saw a Bald Eagle with a white head eating a  
17          raccoon in a field owned by Gary Baldosser (or his company) across from my house on  
18          the east side of State Route 19, within the Project Area.

19          The locations at which I saw these Bald Eagles and other Bald Eagles are marked  
20          with "X"s on Exhibit C.

21   **Q.9. Do you watch birds in any other places besides your yard?**

1 A.9. Yes. My husband and I have been birdwatching in Magee Marsh, East Harbor State  
2 Park, Maumee Bay State Park, Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve, Howard Collier Nature  
3 Preserve, and Steyer Nature Preserve.

4 **Q.10. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

5 A.10. Yes.

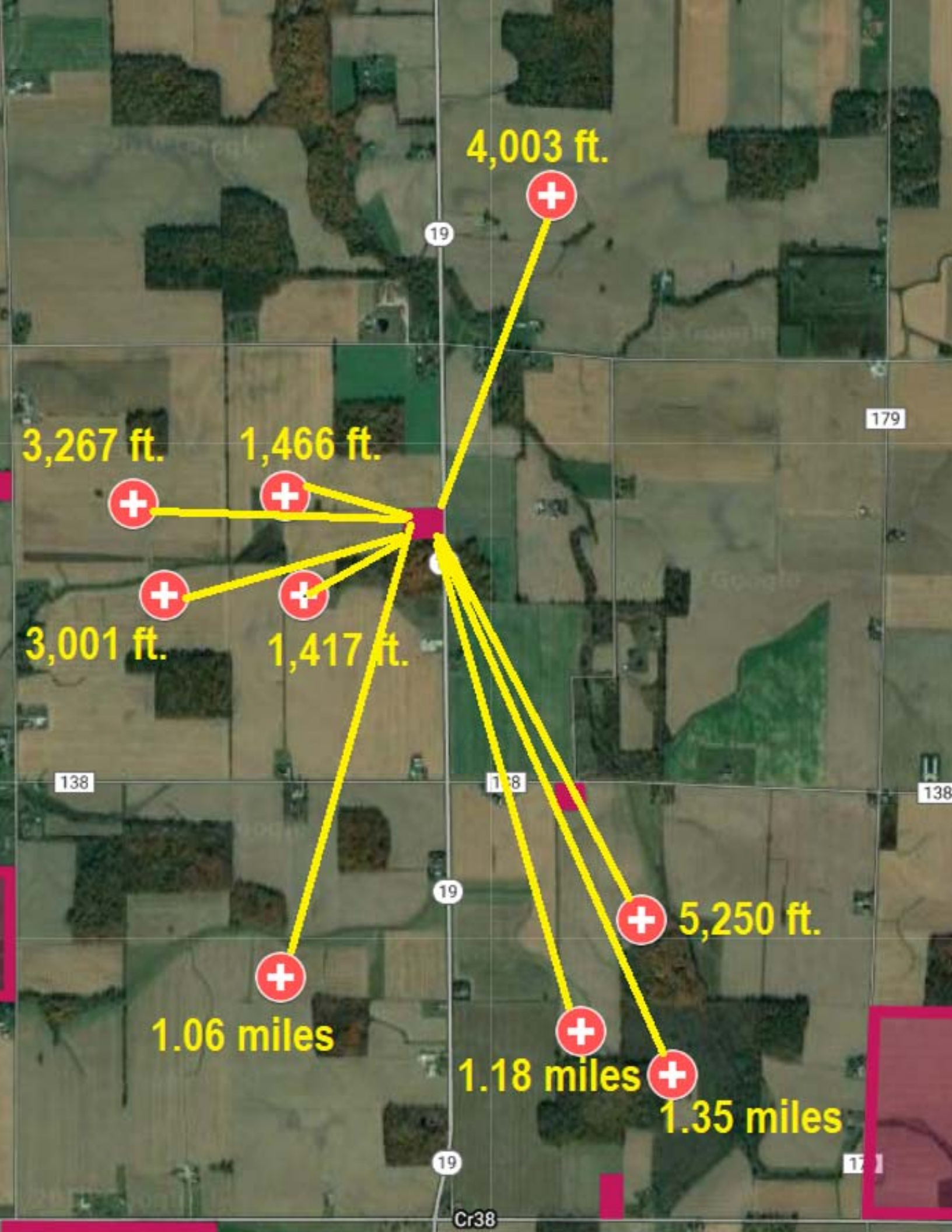
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# EXHIBIT A



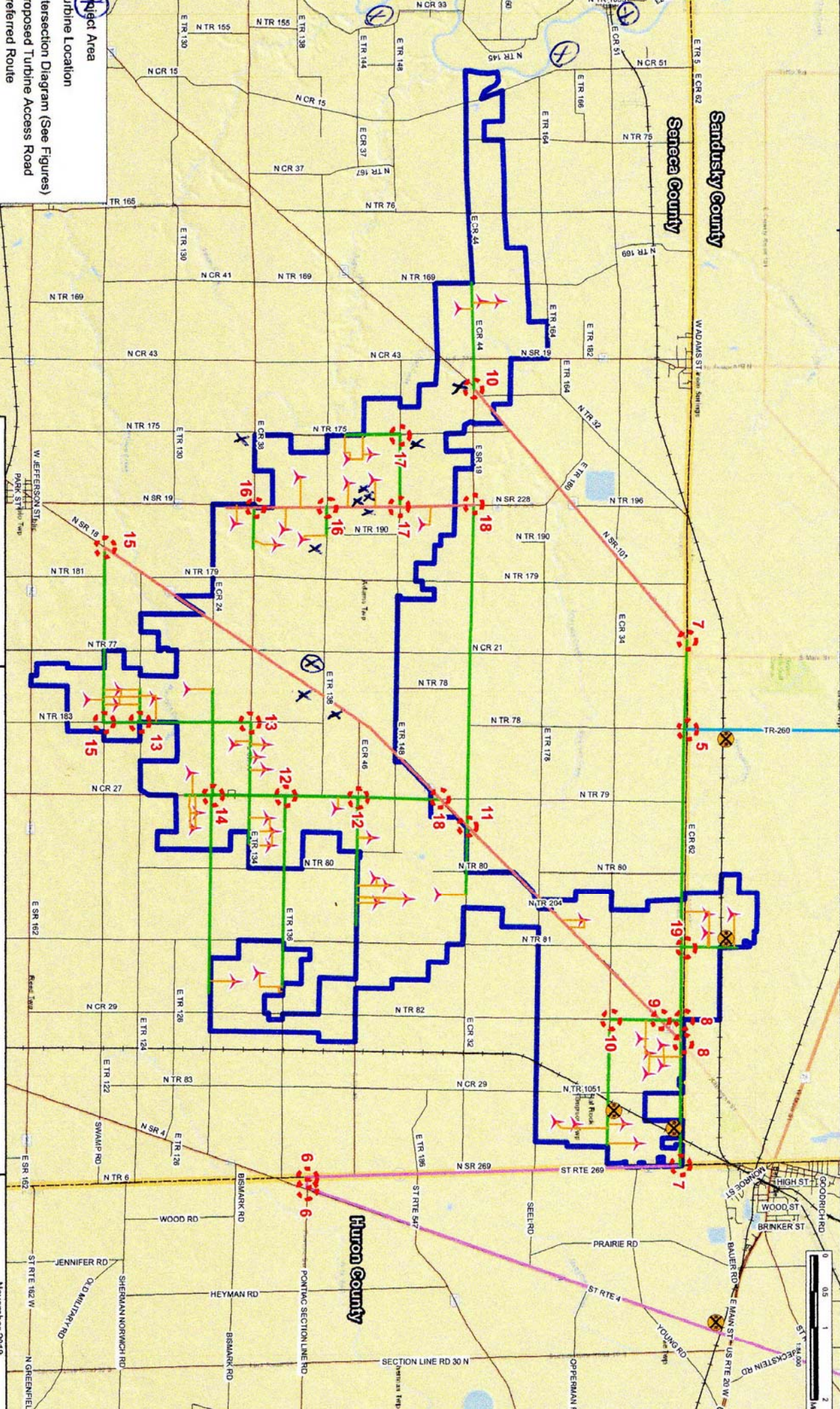
## EXHIBIT B



# EXHIBIT C

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X-Sighting  
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Project Area  
Turbine Location  
Intersection Diagram (See Figures)  
Proposed Turbine Access Road  
Preferred Route  
Alternate Route  
Secondary Road  
Tertiary Road  
Railroad Crossing  
County Boundary

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(Project Area)  
Proposed Republic Wind Project  
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# EXHIBIT D



# EXHIBIT E



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# EXHIBIT F



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