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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 CRYSTAL HOEPF ON
BEHALF OF THE LOCAL RESIDENT INTERVENORS**

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

A.1. Crystal Hoepf, 5900 North Township Road 175, Republic, Ohio 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
Niederkoehr, 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 Ethan Hoepf, our two children, and I live along North Township Road 175
4 in Adams Township, Seneca County. North Township Road 175 overlaps State Route 19
5 at this location. 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 rectangle with white borders, with yellow lines
8 drawn between our property and proposed Republic Wind turbine sites. The three nearest
9 proposed turbine sites are shown as "+" symbols in red circles. The distance in feet
10 between each of these turbines and our property is shown next to each of these turbine
11 sites. The locations for the three turbine sites are based on the latitudes and longitudes
12 for these turbines provided by Page 7 of the Supplement to the Staff Report of
13 Investigation. Page 7 of this report is attached as Exhibit B.

14 **Q.4. Have you seen any Bald Eagles near your property or in or near the Project Area**
15 **for the Republic Wind project?**

16 A.4. Yes.

17 **Q.5. When and where did you see these eagles?**

18 A.5. In the spring of 2019, I saw a juvenile Bald Eagle located on State Route 19 between its
19 intersections with State Route 101 and Township Road 175. On September 25, 2019, my
20 husband and I were driving down Township Road 175 between its intersections with
21 when we saw at least seven Bald Eagles feeding on a dead raccoon on the road. They
22 flew off as we approached. I got a photograph of two of the eagles on the road (Exhibit C
23 attached hereto) and took a photograph of one eagle flying away (Exhibit D attached

1 hereto). Five of the eagles were white-headed adults and two were juveniles. Later that
2 afternoon, I drove to this location again and saw another juvenile Bald Eagle at the same
3 location. On October 3, 2019, I saw a juvenile Bald Eagle at approximately the same
4 location on the same road. On October 12, 2019, I saw a mature Bald Eagle flying on our
5 property. On October 24, 2019, Dawn Hoepf and I saw a mature Bald Eagle flying above
6 a field between North Township 175 and County 38. On the same day, Dawn Hoepf and
7 I saw a mature Bald Eagle sitting in a tree as we drove on County Road 21 near State
8 Route 18. Exhibit E attached hereto is a photograph that I took of the eagle. In a nearby
9 woods on the Weller property, Dawn Hoepf and I saw a large nest. My photograph of
10 this nest is attached as Exhibit F. On Exhibit G attached hereto, I have marked the
11 locations of these eagle sightings on a copy of Figure 2 of Exhibit E of Republic Wind's
12 application dated December 26, 2018. The locations of my eagle sightings are marked
13 with handwritten "X"s.

14 **Q.6. What is Exhibit H that is attached to your testimony?**

15 A.6. Exhibit H is a document on which I have marked, on a copy of Figure 2 of Exhibit E of
16 Republic Wind's application dated December 26, 2018, the locations of the Bald Eagles
17 and Bald Eagle Nests as marked in handwriting on Exhibit B of Aaron Boes' testimony,
18 Exhibits D and E of Rob Chappell's testimony, Exhibit G of my testimony, Exhibit C of
19 Dawn Hoepf's testimony, Exhibit C of Ann Wright's testimony, and Exhibit B of Chris
20 Zeman's testimony.

21 **Q.7. How do you interpret the markings you placed on this exhibit?**

22 A.7. I placed black dots at the locations marked with handwritten "X"s on the witnesses'
23 exhibits listed in my answer to Question 6 above, which according to their written direct

1 testimonies are locations of Bald Eagles they saw. I placed black dots in circles at the
2 locations of Bald Eagle nests marked in handwriting on Rob Chappell's Exhibit E and
3 Dawn Hoepf's Exhibit C. I placed larger circles at the locations marked with similarly
4 sized circles on Aaron Boes' Exhibit B, Rob Chappell's Exhibit D, Ann Wright's Exhibit
5 E, and Chris Zeman's Exhibit B, which according to their written direct testimonies are
6 locations of multiple Bald Eagles they saw in the areas contained in those circles.

7 **Q.8. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

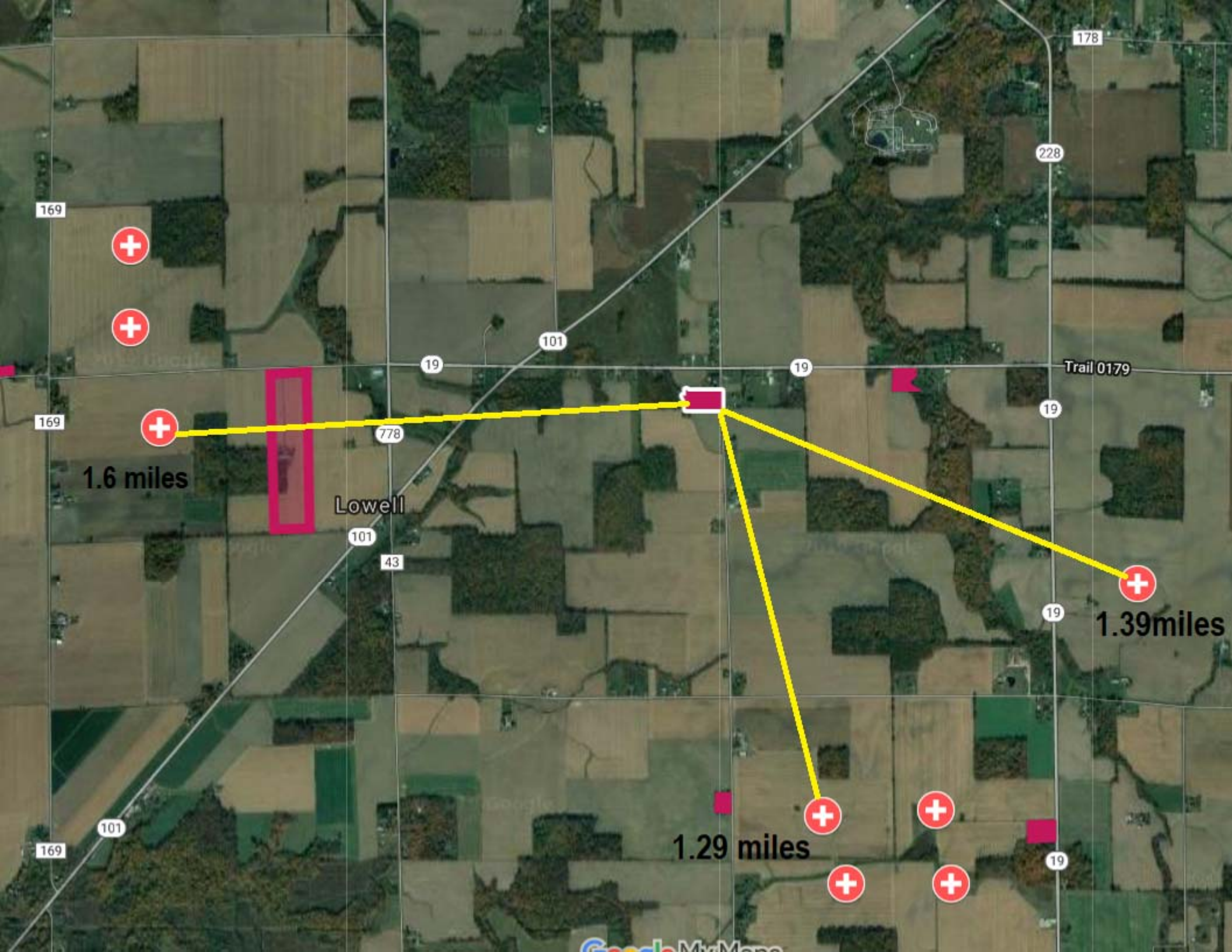
8 A.8. Yes.

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EXHIBIT A



1.6 miles

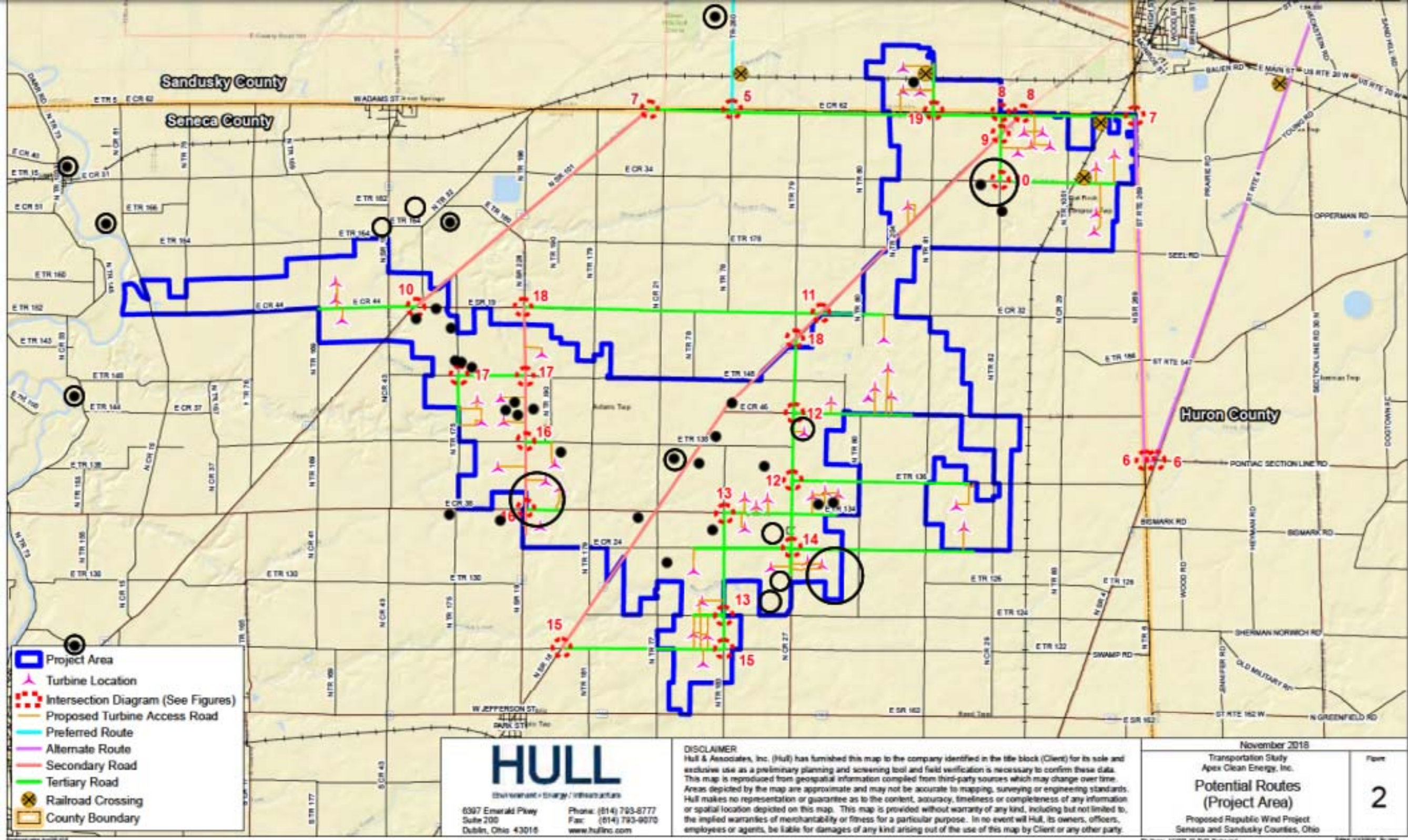
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EXHIBIT H



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