

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Firelands Wind, LLC for a Certificate of	:	
Environmental Compatibility and Public	:	Case No. 18-1607-EL-BGN
Need for the Emerson Creek Wind Farm	:	
in Huron and Erie counties, Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Jon C. Pawley

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO,
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

STAFF EX. ____

September 21, 2020

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

2 A. My name is Jon C. Pawley, 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 (PUCO) as a
7 Public Utilities Administrator 2 in the Power Siting Department.
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9 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

10 A. I received an Associates of Applied Science degree in Architectural Tech-
11 nology from SUNY Alfred State College in 1986, a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
12 degree in Environmental Design from the University at Buffalo in 1991,
13 and a Masters of City and Regional Planning degree from The Ohio State
14 University in 1993.
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16 I have been employed at the Commission for roughly twenty years. My
17 responsibilities at the Commission have primarily involved social and
18 cultural resource matters associated with site planning of major utility
19 facilities in the state of Ohio. I have also been the Staff project lead on
20 numerous applications for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
21 Public Need before the Board. Additionally, I have over ten years of
22 experience in public and private sector development planning.

1 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
2 Board?

3 A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.
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5 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

6 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was
7 filed in the docket of this case on March 2, 2020. I managed the Staff
8 investigation and preparation of the Staff Report. In addition, as a signatory
9 party, Staff supports the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation that was
10 filed in this docket on September 11, 2020.
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12 6. Q. What was your role in this case?

13 A. I was the Staff project lead for the investigation that resulted in the Staff
14 Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed March 2, 2020 in this
15 docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation and filing of the
16 Staff Report in this case. I also am responsible for several sections of the
17 staff report.
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19 7. Q. What sections of the Staff Report did you substantively contribute to?

20 A. Cultural resources, land use and recreation.
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1 8. Q. Are you responsible for any conditions in the Staff Report? If so, which
2 ones?

3 A. Yes. I am responsible for Conditions 1-6, 8 and 14-15.
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5 9. Q. What kind of case is this?

6 A. The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a wind farm generating
7 facility located in Huron and Erie counties, Ohio.
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9 10. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

10 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
11 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information
12 from the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the
13 Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a
14 Staff Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and
15 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is
16 recommending that the Board approve the application, subject to the 44
17 conditions that are presented in the Stipulation.
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19 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

20 A. Yes it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony,
21 as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
22 positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

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