

**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 Erie Huron and Erie counties, Ohio. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Mark Bellamy

**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 your business address.

2 A. My name is Mark C. Bellamy. My business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 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 Utility Specialist in the Facility Review and Compliance Division of the
8 Power Siting Department.
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background.

11 A. My education includes earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in
12 Chemistry from Arkansas State University.
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14 4. Q. Please summarize your work experience.

15 A. Prior to my employment with the PUCO, I served 6 years in the U.S. Navy
16 as a Machinist's Mate on a submarine. I operated and maintained
17 atmosphere control equipment, as well as performed duties as a quality
18 assurance inspector. After the Navy, I was employed as a high school
19 science teacher. I joined the staff of the PUCO in 2009. My duties include
20 review and analysis of Power Siting cases.
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1 5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board?

2 A. Yes.

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4 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

5 A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation in this case.

6 Specifically, the noise, shadow flicker, ice throw and blade shear sections.

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8 7. Q. Are you testifying to any specific conditions? If so, what are they?

9 A. I am testifying to conditions 32, 33, and 34 of the Staff Report filed on

10 March 2, 2020.

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12 8. Q. Why is Staff recommending condition 32?

13 A. Condition 32 requires the Applicant to notify OPSB Staff as soon as possible

14 after a turbine incident such as tower collapse, turbine failure, thrown blade

15 or hub, property damage by ice throw, collector or feeder line failure, injury

16 to any person, or nacelle fire. This condition also requires a detailed report to

17 be submitted within 30 days. This condition will allow Staff to investigate

18 incidents shortly after an incident happens. The detailed report will include

19 steps the Applicant is taking to avoid future incidents. Staff will use the data

20 from these reports to determine if preventative measures can be taken.

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1 9. Q. Why is Staff recommending condition 33?

2 A. Condition 33 limits noise impacts so that no nonparticipating sensitive
3 receptor receives adverse noise impacts.
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5 10. Q. Why is Staff recommending condition 34?

6 A. Condition 34 limits shadow flicker impacts so that no nonparticipating
7 sensitive receptor receives adverse shadow flicker impacts.
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9 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

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