

February 4, 2021

Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 19-1073-EL-BTX, In the Matter of the Application of Firelands Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Transmission Line in Huron and Erie Counties, Ohio.

Proof of Second Publication and Service of Procedural Schedule and Accepted, Complete Application

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-09(A)(2), Firelands Wind, LLC ("Applicant") published and served notice of the application and the procedural schedule for this matter. Attached please find a copy of the proof of the second publication attesting that notice of the accepted, complete application was published in the *Sandusky Register* and the *Norwalk Reflector*, newspapers of general circulation in Erie and Huron County, Ohio on January 25, 2021, respectively.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Remit to:

Sandusky Register
314 W. Market St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

AD NUMBER:

SRS0011796-0

COST: \$673.20

DICKINSON WRIGHT LLC
150 E. GAY ST
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

PROOF OF PUBLICATION


Ron Waite, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the Sandusky Register, that said paper is a daily newspaper printed and has general circulation in Erie County, State of Ohio, and that the annexed advertisement was published in said paper on:

January 25, 2021



Ron Waite

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to on January 25, 2021



Notary Public, State of Ohio

Kathryn A Nageotte
Notary Public - Ohio
Commission Expires Aug 1, 2024

Notice of Proposed Utility Facility

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Firelands filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility in OPSB Case No. 19-1073-EL-BTX. A copy of the application is available for inspection at the OPSB offices, 180 E. Broad St., 11th floor, Columbus, OH 43215, 1-866-270-6772, and is available on the OPSB website at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=19-1073&link=DIVA> and Firelands' website at <https://www.emersoncreekwind.com/>.

In January 2020, the OPSB established the initial procedural schedule in this case. Notices were issued regarding the hearings initially scheduled for April and May 2020. On March 11, 2020, the OPSB, citing Executive Order 2020- 01D issued by Governor Mike DeWine declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, postponed the hearings. On November 6, 2020, the OPSB reestablished the procedural schedule in this case. The first notice of the procedural schedule was published in the *Sandusky Register* and the *Norwalk Reflector*, newspapers of general circulation in Erie and Huron Counties, Ohio on December 10 and 11, 2020, respectively.

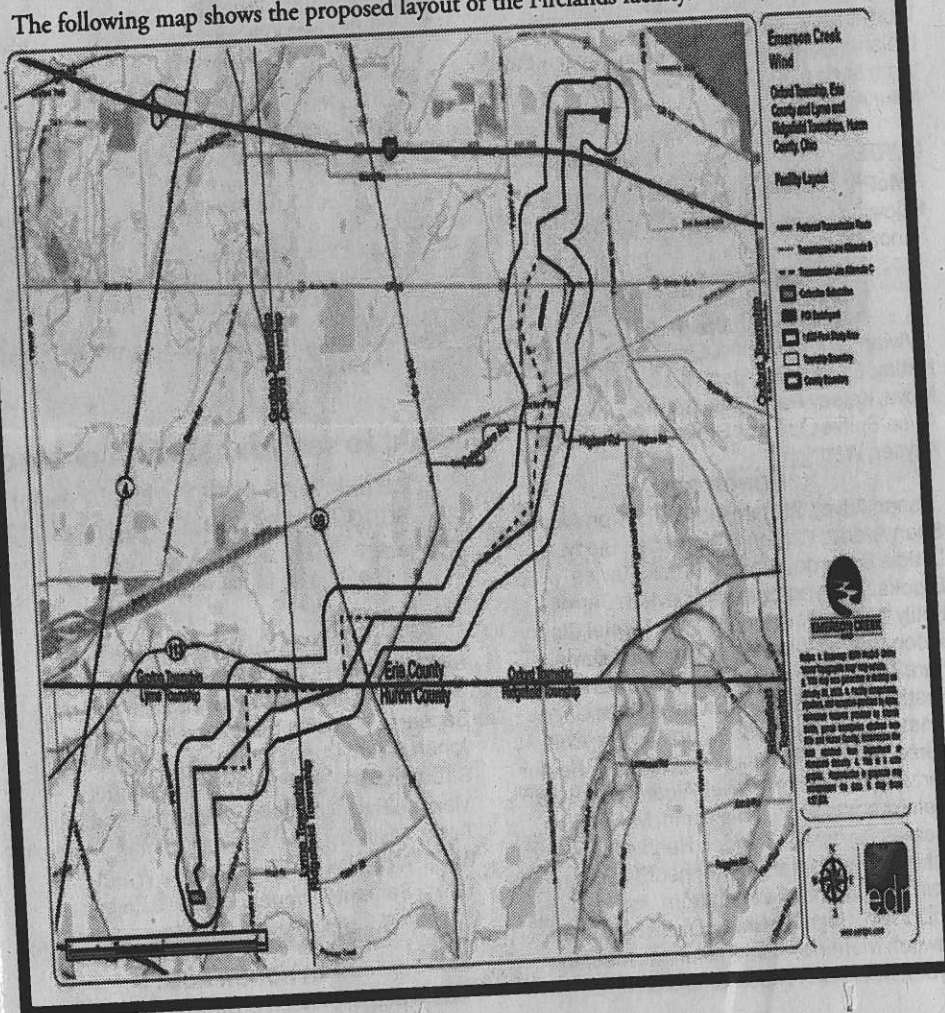
The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed facility. Due to the continued state of emergency, and given the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 197, the local public and adjudicatory hearings will both be held using remote access technology that facilitate participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet. The public hearing in Firelands' OPSB case shall consist of two parts and will use remote access technology that facilitates participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet:

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 - (a) Persons that wish to provide testimony regarding the project or that plan to join the remote access event must:
 - Register with the Consumer Call Center for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) before 12:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021, by calling 1-800-686-7826 or by using the OPSB's online comment form at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/events/Firelands-Wind-public-hearing>
 - Persons who have registered to testify should be prepared to speak at 6:00 p.m.
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 - If access or other issues are experienced during the local public hearing.

(b) Interested individuals who wish to attend the public hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling +1-408-418-9388 and entering access code 173 850 3264. The local public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio>.

(2) An adjudicatory hearing to commence on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

The following map shows the proposed layout of the Firelands facility.



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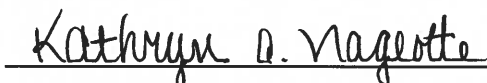
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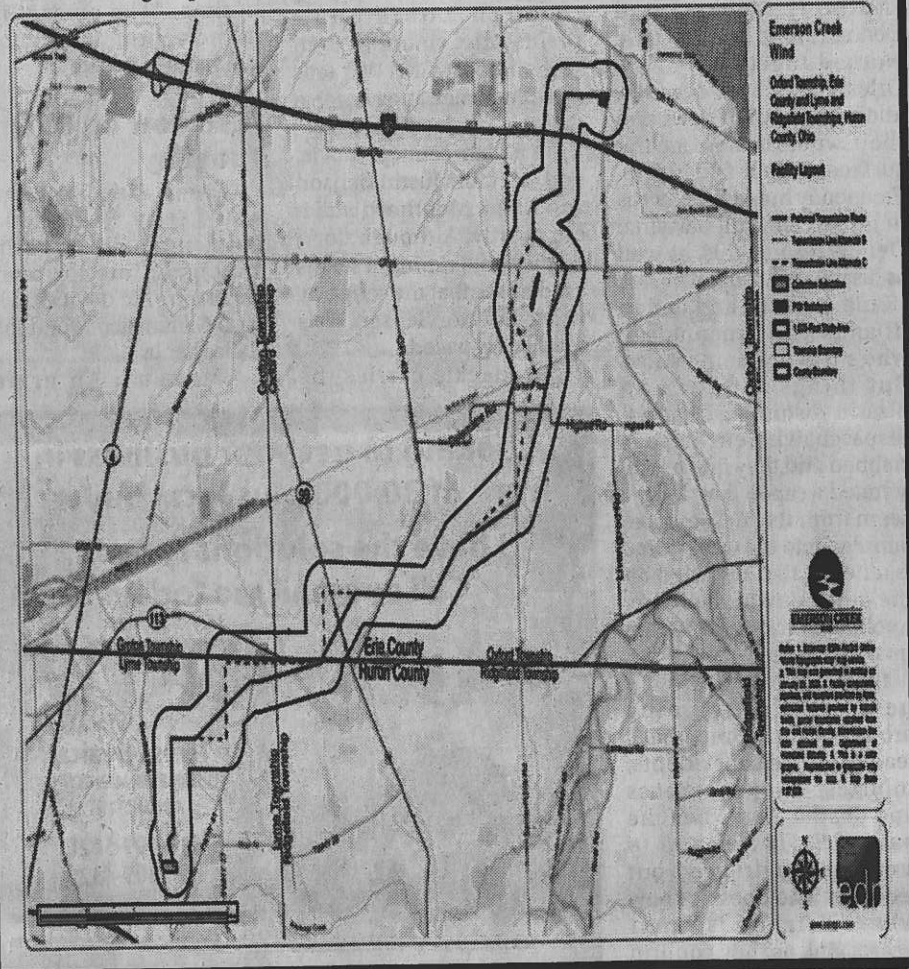
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Public comments can be provided in writing on the OPSB's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/help-center/contact-us>, by electronic mail to contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail to the OPSB 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Written comments should reference Case No. 19-1073-EL-BTX.

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