

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF GROVER HILL WIND, LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED.

CASE NO. 20-417-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 12, 2022

{¶ 1} Grover Hill Wind, LLC (Grover Hill or Applicant) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall commence construction of a major utility facility in the state without first obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).

{¶ 3} On May 3, 2021, Grover Hill filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct and operate a wind-powered electric generation facility of up to 150 megawatts in Latty Township, in Paulding County, Ohio. Grover Hill subsequently filed supplements and amendments to the application on June 7, 2021, December 21, 2021, January 24, 2022, May 26, 2022, July 13, 2022, and July 21, 2022.

{¶ 4} By Entry dated November 10, 2021, a procedural schedule was established in this matter such that the effective date of the application was established as November 10, 2021, the due date for Staff to file its report of investigation set as on or before January 24, 2022, the local public hearing was scheduled for February 8, 2022, and the adjudicatory hearing was scheduled to commence on March 3, 2022.

{¶ 5} On January 24, 2022, as supplemented on September 9, 2022, Staff filed its report of investigation.

{¶ 6} The public hearing was held, as scheduled, on February 8, 2022.

{¶ 7} On February 16, 2022, Grover Hill filed a list of issues about which it may be interested in pursuing cross examination of witnesses at the adjudicatory hearing.

{¶ 8} The evidentiary hearing was called, as scheduled, on March 3, 2022, and continued, at the request of the Applicant consistent with the Entry issued on February 22, 2022.

{¶ 9} On October 7, 2022, Grover Hill and Staff filed a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation).

{¶ 10} By email Grover Hill informed the assigned administrative law judges (ALJs) that the parties agreed to file their respective testimony on the Stipulation as soon as October 12, 2022. Further, the parties requested that the evidentiary hearing be reconvened the week of October 17, 2022, and the Applicant also asked that the hearing be conducted virtually.

{¶ 11} The ALJ finds that the evidentiary hearing shall reconvene on October 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), 180 E. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room C, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Everyone must register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor to participate in the hearing. Any accommodations necessary to ensure availability of social distancing and plexiglass dividers should be made in advance of the hearing. As pandemic restrictions are evolving, additional instructions regarding further safety requirements or accommodations for the hearing room will either be posted on the Commission/Board website or communicated to the parties.

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the parties file their respective testimony regarding the Stipulation, as agreed, on October 12, 2022. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing reconvene in-person on October 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission in accordance with Paragraph 11. It is, further,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

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/s/ Greta See

By: Greta See
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that the parties file their respective testimony regarding the Stipulation, as agreed, on October 12, 2022 and that the evidentiary hearing reconvene in-person on October 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission in accordance with Paragraph 11 electronically filed by Heather A. Chilcote on behalf of Greta See, Administrative Law Judge, Power Siting Board