**BEFORE**

**THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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| In the Matter of the Application of Paulding Wind Farm III LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Timber Road III Transmission Line. | ::::: | Case No. 15-1737-EL-BTX |

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND TESTIMONY DEADLINES**

**AND**

**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

 All of the Parties to this case respectfully request an extension of the testimony deadlines until April 26, 2016. The rea­sons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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**The Ohio Power Siting Board**

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

 On February 29, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge issued an Entry that set forth a pro­cedural schedule with the follow­ing testimony deadlines: (a) All expert and factual testimony to be offered by Paulding shall be filed by April 22, 2016; (b) All expert and factual testimony to be offered by intervenors and Staff shall be filed by April 25, 2016.

 The Parties seek this extension for an opportunity to engage in settlement discus­sions and potentially reach a settlement that resolves all of the issues in this case. Accordingly, the Parties request an extension of all the testimony deadlines provided in the February 29, 2016 procedural sched­ule to April 26, 2016.

 Ohio Adm. Code 4906-2-27(C) allows a party to request that the Board con­sider a motion on an expedited basis. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request an expedited ruling that the procedural schedule for all testimony be extended as requested in this joint motion. In addition to Staff, the undersigned has received authorization from Paulding Wind and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation to sign and file this joint motion on their behalf. The Parties respectfully request that the Board approve this joint motion to extend the testimony deadlines to April 26, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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