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Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Renee Jenkins  
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Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**Re: Hardin Wind Energy LLC, Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN**

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") that on October 19, 2009, counsel for Hardin Wind Energy sent via first class mail the attached letter to each property owner and affected tenant within the planned site and contiguous to the planned site as required by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-5-08(C)(3).

A list of property owners was provided to the Board on October 9, 2009 as set forth in Attachment 1 of Exhibit 1 of the Proof of Service of Application on Local Public Officials and Libraries.

If you have any questions, please call me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Sally W. Bloomfield

Attachment

cc: Parties of Record (w/Attachment)

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October 19, 2009

*Via Regular U.S. Mail*

**Re: Application of Hardin Wind Energy LLC for a Certificate to Site a  
Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio,  
Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN**

Dear Property Owners and Affected Tenant:

Introduction

As the attorney representing Hardin Wind Energy LLC, an affiliate of Invenergy Wind Development LLC, before the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board"), I am sending this letter as required by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-5-08(B)(3). This letter is being sent to all property owners within or adjacent to the planned project area of the proposed 300 megawatt (MW) Hardin Wind Farm. I request that property owners who have tenants share this letter with them or contact me with the tenant names and addresses so that I can send them information.

Description of Facility

As you may be aware, Hardin Wind Energy LLC would like to construct, operate and maintain 300 MW wind-powered electric generation facility consisting of approximately 200 1.5 MW wind turbines in the western portion of Hardin County that will spread across 23,000 acres of leased land in Hardin County. It will be located in portions of the townships of Lynn, Cessna, Marion, Roundhead, McDonald, and Taylor Creek. The general purpose of the project is to produce clean, renewable, reliably priced, low cost electricity to the Ohio electric marketplace, and bring dozens of new jobs to Hardin County and the surrounding area.

Description of the Certification Process

In order to construct, operate and maintain the Hardin Wind Farm, Hardin Wind Energy LLC must obtain permission from the Board. That permission is provided in the form of a Certificate.

On September 18, 2009, Hardin Wind Energy LLC submitted to the Board an Amended Application for a Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio to construct, operate, and maintain the Hardin Wind Farm. The Board preliminarily reviewed the amended application to determine whether it was complete and contained all necessary requirements. On October 9, 2009, the Chairman of the Board notified Hardin Wind Energy LLC that the application was complete and contained all necessary requirements. Hardin Wind Energy LLC's amended application was deemed filed with the Board on October 19, 2009 for

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purposes of publication and it is now pending full review before the Board. The docket number which has been assigned to the application is: Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN.

Upon receiving the certified and complete application, the Board was required to promptly fix dates for public hearings: January 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for the non-adjudicatory hearing to be held at the the Hardin County Courthouse, Veterans Hall, One Courthouse Square, Kenton, Ohio 43226; and an adjudicatory hearing on Monday, January 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Hearing Room 11-F, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Prior to the hearings, however, the application will be investigated by the Board staff. The investigation must be completed and the staff must submit a written report to the Board not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the hearings. This written report is due by approximately December 21, 2009. The report will set forth the nature of the investigation and contain recommended findings with regard to the criteria the Board must use to review the application. A copy of the report will be made available to any person upon request.

The criteria the Board must use to review the application are as follows:

- (1) the basis of the need for the facility;
- (2) the nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) that the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) in the case of an electric transmission line, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) that the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code;
- (6) that the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) the impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site (route) and alternative site (route) of the proposed major utility facility (pipeline);

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- (8) that the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

After the public hearings are completed, if the Board desires, the administrative law judge who presides over the hearings will prepare a written report of findings, conclusions and recommendations. Parties can file exceptions to the report. Furthermore the Board may ask the parties to prepare written briefs or present oral arguments regarding specific issues of concern. The Board will issue a final decision within a reasonable time after conclusion of the hearings. Recent Board practice is that the Board directs the administrative law judge to prepare a draft order for its review and consideration. If a party is not satisfied with the Board's decision, an application for rehearing can be submitted and if the Board denies the rehearing application, the party can appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Parties who are interested in this application may file to intervene in the proceeding. The deadline for filing a motion for leave to intervene for any person who is not a public official served with the application is within thirty (30) days from the publication of an initial public notice that appeared in local newspapers on October 17, 2009 in the Kenton Times and on October 22, 2009 in the Ada Herald. The Board encourages any interested persons to file as soon as possible. However, the Board rules (Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-7-04) provide that in extraordinary circumstances, and if good cause is shown, intervention may be granted to those who file a timely petition for leave to intervene. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, and cite the above listed case number.

#### Public Hearing Dates

As indicated above, the public hearing on this matter shall consist of two parts on dates set by the Board as follows:

- (1) A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Monday, January 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hardin County Courthouse, Veterans Hall, One Courthouse Square, Kenton, Ohio 43226; and,
- (2) An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Monday, January 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Hearing Room 11-F, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

The Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearings, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties.

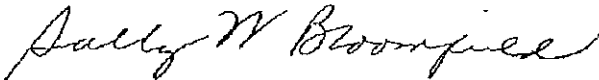
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Conclusion

We expect that the Board will conclude, as we believe, that the Hardin Wind Farm will benefit the community and the region. Please do not hesitate to contact Nazre Azum of Hardin Wind Energy LLC, if you have any questions. Mr. Azum can be reached at (301) 610-6417 or [nadum@invenenergyllc.com](mailto:nadum@invenenergyllc.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sally W. Bloomfield".

Sally W. Bloomfield