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April 27, 2010

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  
Responses to Staff Data Requests**

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Attached please find Hardin Wind Energy LLC's response to the letter sent to the Ohio Power Siting Board by Mr. Ed Rogers.

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

Sincerely,

*Sally W. Bloomfield*  
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**April 27, 2010**

**Renee' J. Jenkins  
Docketing Division  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**RE: Hardin Wind Energy LLC  
OPSB 09-0479-EL-BGN  
Consumer letter from Mr. Ed Rogers**

**Dear Ms. Jenkins,**

**The purpose of this letter is to provide the Hardin Wind Energy LLC response to the consumer letter sent to the Ohio Power Siting Board from Mr. Ed Rogers of 9247 Co. Rd. 130 Kenton, Ohio 43326, dated April 8, 2010.**

**We respect Mr. Rogers' personal opinion as we do those of all Hardin County residents.**

**As renewable energy is a relatively new concept to many areas of the country, we know from our previous experience that initial apprehension will exist amongst some local residents. Being an affiliate of Invenergy LLC, a company who has developed wind farms in many areas throughout the United States, we at Hardin Wind Energy LLC fully understand the importance of being honest and open in our dealings with members of our host community. In doing so we work proactively to alleviate and resolve concerns that local residents may have regarding our project.**

**In November of 2009, we opened and staffed a highly visible local office. The office opening was publicized on the front page of the local paper and we welcomed members of the community to stop in at any time to ask questions. We estimate that during office hours we have as many as 5-10 community members, landowners, and vendors walk in on a daily basis asking questions about the project.**

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We developed a local newsletter to keep area residents informed of the project. During the most recent mailing we distributed the newsletter to over 225 member of the local community.

As you know, throughout the application process we are required to hold public hearings. In addition to the required public hearings on our own we held or attended numerous other meetings throughout the county where members of the local governments, business community, farming community, civic groups and various other organizations were invited to attend.

The development of wind energy in Hardin County has been at the forefront of the news in this area as there have been no less than 20 articles appearing in the local newspapers pertaining to our project and others. So it is without reservation that I say that Hardin Wind Energy LLC has made a substantial effort in being forthright in discussing residents concerns.

Regarding Mr. Rogers specifically:

After over two years of working closely with landowners (including members of Mr. Rogers family) and community members in developing the wind farm, and after all of the publicity regarding the project as identified above, we were completely unaware of Mr. Rogers or that he had concerns until he provided his testimony the evening of our public hearing Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

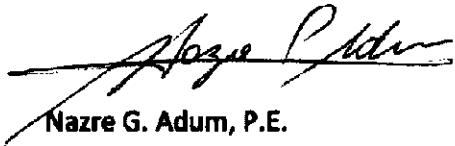
After becoming aware of Mr. Rogers' concerns, on the Monday immediately following our public hearing we proactively reached out and attempted to contact him by phone to address his concerns. Although we were unsuccessful in reaching him we did leave a name and phone number and asked that he return our call. We sent letters to all who spoke at the hearing (exhibit provided by Mr. Rogers) thanking them and asking for them to contact us if they have questions regarding the project.

After receiving Mr. Rogers' letter on January 27, 2010, we have made several additional attempts to reach him to address his concerns in person. In fact, on February 10, 2010, we left a message with Mrs. Rogers but unfortunately we have been unsuccessful in our efforts and to our knowledge Mr. Rogers made no effort to return our calls.

Mr. Rogers maintains in his letter that the answers to his questions are simple yes or no answers. Although Mr. Rogers' nine questions are questions that are common to all wind energy projects, and have been answered in various forums many times over, a simple yes or no response is not sufficient in providing a thorough explanation. As we indicated above, we have made numerous attempts to contact him directly and we will continue to do so. After receiving Mr. Rogers' complaint, we have sent him another letter (attached hereto) on April 26, 2010.

Mr. Rogers' complaint is an isolated incident and certainly not indicative or a reflection of the efforts put forth by Hardin Wind Energy LLC. As stated before, we have been very proactive in the community and on many, many occasions have made ourselves available to answer the community's questions which are supported by the total lack of opposition that we encountered during the application process.

Respectfully,

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Nazre G. Adum, P.E.  
Director of Business Development



**Hardin Wind Energy LLC**  
**2 North Main Street**  
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**April 26, 2010**

**Mr. Ed Rogers**  
**9247 Co. Rd 130**  
**Kenton, Ohio 43326**

**Mr. Rogers,**

**We have been notified by the Ohio Power Siting Board of your concern regarding a lack of our responding to your letter dated January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.**

**While we regret that we have not been able to communicate back to you on your questions it is not due to a lack of effort or an unwillingness to discuss your concerns; since receiving your letter, we have on several different occasions made efforts to contact you directly via telephone. Unfortunately we have been unsuccessful.**

**We would like to meet with you and have the opportunity to respond to your questions at a time that is mutually convenient. If we cannot find a time to meet that works for both of us, then perhaps we can arrange a time when we may speak on the phone.**

**Please feel free to contact the local office in Kenton at 419-675-3222 or the 24-hour toll free line 877-666-1468 to arrange a time that is mutually agreeable. If no one is available please leave a message and we will promptly return your call.**

**Thank you for your time and I look forward to speaking with you.**

**Respectfully,**

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**Director Business Development**

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