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BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the Application of **HEARTLAND WIND, LLC** for a Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Van Wert County, Ohio and Paulding County, Ohio.

Case No. 09-1066-EL-BON

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JOINT APPLICATION TO TRANSFER A CERTIFICATE TO BLUE CREEK 'WIND FARM, LLC

Joint Applicants are Heartland Wind, LLC ("Heartland") and Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC ("Blue Creek"). Heartland and Blue Creek are each single member limited liability companies owned by Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. ("Iberdrola") which is the manager of both entities. Blue Creek has properly registered with the Ohio Secretary of State as a foreign limited liability corporation (Exhibit A). Heartland was formed prior to Blue Creek and is a vehicle for preliminary development activities for other wind farms located around the Midwest. Typically, once these activities are completed, including the receipt of authority to construct, Iberdrola forms a separate limited liability company that is dedicated to hold the assets of a specific project. Blue Creek was recently formed to hold the assets, including the Certificate issued on August 23, 2010 to Heartland in Case No. 09-1066-EL-BGN.

Although the entity is technically different from Heartland, the management of the project will be exactly the same. The personnel who processed the application will remain as if the project were owned by Heartland. Thus, there will be complete transparency in terms of all the personnel who have been associated with the Heartland application.

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As is required by Ohio Revised Code Section ("R.C.") 4906.04, Blue Creek agrees to abide with all of the terms, conditions and any modifications contained in the Certificate granted to Heartland.

In accordance with recent Board precedent, Heartland has sent via Federal Express a letter this day to all the public officials explaining the nature of the transfer request (a sample letter is attached as Exhibit B).

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants request the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve the transfer of the Certificate from Heartland to Blue Creek.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of HEARTLAND WIND, LLC BLUE CREEK WIND FARM, LLC

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing was served upon the following parties of record

via hand delivery or regular U.S. Mail this 15th day of October, 2010.

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EXHIBIT A

Certificate of Good Standing

United States of America State of Ohio Office of the Secretary of State

I, Jennifer Brunner, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show BLUE CREEK WIND FARM LLC, an Oregon For Profit Limited Liability Company, Registration Number 1953568, filed on August 05, 2010, is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 15th day of October, A.D. 2010

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EXHIBIT B

Sample Letter to Public Officials

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October 15, 2010

Via Federal Express

Re: Assignment of Certificate for Case No. 09-1066-EL-BGN

Dear County Commissioners and Township Trustees:

The purpose of this letter is to outline the assignment of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (the "Certificate") issued on August 23, 2010 to Heartland Wind, LLC in Case No. 09-1066-EL-BGN by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). Heartland Wind, LLC is requesting the transfer and assignment of the Certificate from the original applicant, Heartland Wind, LLC, to Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC, both of which are each single member limited liability companies owned and managed by Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. (Iberdrola).

Heartland Wind, LLC was formed prior to Blue Creek Wind, LLC and is the vehicle for preliminary development activities for other wind farms located around the Midwest. Typically, once preliminary development activities are completed, including the receipt of authority to construct, Iberdrola forms a separate, project-specific limited liability company that is dedicated to hold the assets of a specific project. Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC is the project-specific entity recently formed by Iberdrola to hold the assets of the Blue Creek Wind Farm, including the Certificate. This is a transparent transaction: all the same personnel that were assigned to Heartland will be assigned to Blue Creek Wind, LLC and many of them were involved in the processing of the initial application before the Ohio Power Siting Board. It is the intent of Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC to adhere to all terms and conditions in the Certificate granted to Heartland Wind, LLC.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Paulding County Commissioners Van Wert County Commissioners Benton Township Trustees Blue Creek Township Trustees Hoaglin Township Trustees Latty Township Trustees Union Township Trustees