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Catherine Price 7956 Remlinger Road Crestline, Ohio 44827

Re: Black Fork Wind LLC / Wind Powered Electric Generation Facility

Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. Price:

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding Black Fork Wind LLC's proposed installation of a wind turbine electric generating facility located in Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio. The OPSB's mission is to support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, while promoting the state's economic interests and protecting the environment and land use.

As a standard procedure with all siting projects, the applicant must notify the public in newspapers of general circulation that it is proposing to build a major utility facility. Therefore, on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at Shelby High School, 109 W. Smiley Avenue, Shelby, Ohio, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Black Fork Wind LLC hosted a public informational meeting to present information concerning the project and to gather public input.

On March 10, 2011, Black Fork Wind LLC filed to demonstrate environmental compatibility and public need with the Ohio Power Siting Board. Therefore, our staff began their investigation of the application. Resulting from the investigation, staff will make in its report, recommendations as to whether the proposed facility will best serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Once our staff investigation is complete, the applicant will again notify the public in newspapers of a public hearing where the public is invited to attend and give swom testimony involving the case.

To view activity involving this application, and /or rules governing the installation and operation of energy infrastructure in Ohio, please visit the OPSB website at <a href="https://www.OPSB.ohio.gov">www.OPSB.ohio.gov</a>.

Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793



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## Environmental Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor Scott J. Nally, Director

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Catherine Price 7956 Remlinger Road Crestline, Ohio 44827

Dear Ms. Price:

Thank you for your letter regarding a wind farm under consideration in your area.

I appreciate your concern regarding these projects, but Ohio EPA has no jurisdiction over the proposed project at this time. I encourage you to contact the Ohio Power Siting Board with your concerns at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

If this proposed project moves forward, Ohio EPA may need to evaluate stream or wetland impacts. The construction project would likely need a general storm water permit that would detail runoff control requirements during construction.

I have forwarded your letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Mary McCarron in our Public Interest Center at <a href="mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov">mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov</a> or (614) 644-2160.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Nally Director



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