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### **BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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In the Matter of the Application of Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate to Install Numerous Electricity Generating Wind Turbines in ) **Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio** 

Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

### **NOTICE OF NTIA LETTER SUBMITTAL**

Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC ("Black Fork" or "the Applicant") hereby gives notice that it has submitted to the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board correspondence from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA"). The Applicant initially sought a waiver from Rule 4906-17-08(E)(4) to allow for the delayed submittal of the NTIA correspondence. After discussion with the Staff and agreement between the parties, the Applicant submitted a response brief on April 21, 2011 committing to provide this information prior to the end of the completeness review period. To that end, the Applicant has submitted to the Staff correspondence from the NTIA advising that after review, no federal agencies identified any concerns regarding blockage of their radio frequency transmissions from this project. A copy of the Applicant's correspondence to the Staff along with a copy of the NTIA correspondence is attached hereto.

Accordingly, with the submittal of the information and as stated in the Applicant's April

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21, 2011 response brief, the Applicant's request for waiver may now be deemed moot.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the following persons via electronic mail and U.S. Mail this 29th day of April 2011:

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### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jon Pawley Power Siting Board Staff, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

#### Re: Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN **Black Fork Wind Energy Project**

Dear Mr. Pawley:

Please find enclosed an April 29, 2011 letter from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) regarding the Black Fork Wind Energy Project. As indicated in the letter, no federal agencies identified any concerns regarding blockage of their radio frequency transmissions.

Please call me or Scott Hawken, the Black Fork Wind Energy Project manager, if you have any questions regarding the attached information.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Settineri Michael J. Settineri by SMH

MJS/jlw Enclosure John Jones cc: Scott Hawken



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Telecommunications and Information Administration Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Scott Hawken Senior Project Manager ELEMENT POWER 400 Preston Avenue, Suite 200 Charlottesville, VA 22903

Re: Black Fork Project, in Richland and Crawford Counties, OH

Dear Mr. Hawken:

In response to your request on February 28, 2011, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration provided to the federal agencies represented in the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) the plans for the Black Fork Wind Project, located in Richland and Crawford Counties, Ohio.

After a 45 day period of review, no federal agencies identified any concerns regarding blockage of their radio frequency transmissions.

While the IRAC agencies did not identify any concerns regarding radio frequency blockage, this does not eliminate the need for the wind energy facilities to meet any other requirements specified by law related to these agencies. For example, this review by the IRAC does not eliminate any need that may exist to coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration concerning flight obstruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these proposals.

Sincerely,

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Edward M. Davison Deputy Associate Administrator Office of Spectrum Management