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BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In The Matter Of The Application Of Black Fork)
Wind Energy LLC For A Certificate To Site A)
Wind-Powered Generating Facility In Richland)
And Crawford Counties, Ohio.)
)

CASE NO. 10-2865-EL-BGN

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY ENGINEER

Pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(A)(2) and OAC Rule 4906-7-04(A)(1), Thomas E. Beck, P.E., P.S., Richland County Engineer (hereinafter the "Richland County Engineer"), hereby submits this Notice of Intervention in this proceeding. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the Richland County Engineer states:

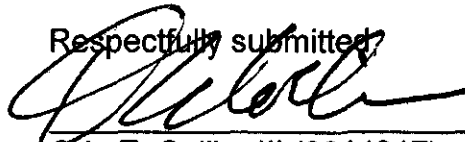
1. On March 10, 2011, Black Fork Wind Energy LLC ("Applicant") filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to site a wind-powered electric generation facility in Richland and Crawford counties pursuant to OAC Chapter 4906-17. The Board of County Commissioners of Richland County, Ohio was served with a copy of the application on or about June 20, 2011 pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(B).
2. The Richland County Engineer has the authority provided under Chapter 315, Ohio Revised Code. By the attached letter, the Richland County Engineer authorized the filing of this Notice of Intervention in this action. See Exhibit A attached.
3. Part of the proposed facility is to be located within Richland County, Ohio, the geographical area under the jurisdiction of the Richland County Engineer.
4. The Richland County Engineer intends to intervene in this proceeding in order to represent his interests under the authority provided by Chapter 315, Ohio Revised Code. Criteria for approval of a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need includes a consideration of a broad variety of environmental and socioeconomic factors, both for the preferred project area and any alternative project area site, as provided in OAC Chapter 4906-17. These criteria include specifically the social and ecological criteria in OAC Rule 4906-17-08 as well as the specific economic, land use and community development criteria under OAC Rule

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4906-17-08(C), (D) and (E). These criteria, in turn, include general land use considerations, economic impacts, public service and facilities impacts and anticipated impact to road and bridges associated with construction and equipment delivery including mitigation measures under OAC Rule 4906-17-08(E)(5). These criteria directly relate, and impact on, the interest, rights and obligations of the Richland County Engineer under Chapter 315, Ohio Revised Code.

Wherefore, the Richland County Engineer is entitled to intervene in this proceeding as a party pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(A)(2) and OAC Rule 4906-7-04(A)(1) with all rights, benefits and obligations of a party as provided by OAC Chapter 4906-7. This Notice of Intervention is timely and well-made and should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by regular mail, facsimile and/or electronic mail on this 24th day of June, 2011, upon the following parties of record:

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Re: Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Mayer:

This letter authorizes my intervention in OPSB Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN and directs my counsel to take the appropriate action to file the required notice of intervention.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Beck, P.E., P.S.
Richland County Engineer

Cc: Orta Collier

