BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

	RECEIVED.	0-
ARD ·	2011 JUL -	DOCKETING DIV B PM 3:44
٠	PU(E NO. 10-28	~
CASE	E NO. 10-28	65-EL-BGN

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.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(A)(2) and OAC Rule 4906-7-04(A)(1), the Board of Township Trustees of Plymouth Township (the "Board of Trustees") hereby submits this Notice of Intervention in this proceeding. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the Board of Trustees 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 Trustees was served with a copy of the application on or about June 20, 2011 pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(B).
- 2. The Board of Trustees is the duly organized and existing board of trustees of Plymouth Township and has the general authority provided under Title 5, Ohio Revised Code and the specific authority over township roads and bridges as provided in Title 55, Ohio Revised Code. The Board of Trustees is authorized to intervene in this action pursuant to the Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 3. Part of the proposed facility is to be located within Plymouth Township, the geographical area under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees.
- 4. The Board of Trustees intends to intervene in this proceeding in order to represent its interests under the authority provided by Titles 5 and 55, 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

This is to certify that the images appearing accurate and complete many samples appearing	
accurate and complete reasons	ire ar
accurate and complete reproduction of a case	file
dolly clou in the regular course of the	
Technician Pate Processed 7	241
1113	10-0 1

use and community development criteria under OAC Rule 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 roads 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 Board of Trustees under Titles 5 and 55, Ohio Revised Code.

Wherefore, the Board of Trustees 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.

Of Counsel:

Brent Robinson Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Richland County Prosecutor's Office 38 South Park Street Mansfield, Ohio 44902 Telephone: (419) 774-5676

Facsimile: (419) 774-5589

Offa E. Collier III (0014317)

Trial Attorney

Stephen P. Grassbaugh (0029151)

Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP

41 S. High Street, 26th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

Telephone: (614) 223-9300 Facsimile: (614) 223-9330

Email: ocollier@beneschlaw.com

sgrassbaugh@beneschlaw.com

Attorneys for the Board of Trustees of Plymouth Township

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 8th day of July, 2011, upon the following parties of record:

M. Howard Petricoff Michael J. Settineri Vorys Sater Seymour and Pease LLP 52 East Gay Street P.O. Box 1008 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1008

Attorneys for Applicant

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Chad A. Endsley 280 N. High Street P.O. Box 182383 Columbus, Ohio 43218-2383

John Warrington 7040 State Route 96 Tiro, Ohio 44887 Scott Hawken Element Power 400 Preston Avenue, Suite 200 Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

John Jones Stephen Reilly Assistant Attorneys General Public Utilities Section 180 East Broad Street, 6th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attorneys for Staff

Ork E Collier

PAGE 05

RESOLUTION

RE: AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN RE: APPLICATION OF BLACK FORK WIN ENERGY LLC, OHIO POWER SITING BOARD CASE NO. 10-2865-EL-BGN

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2011, Black Fork Wind Energy LLC filed with the Oh-Power Siting Board an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility an public need to site a wind-powered electric generation facility in Richland and Crawfor counties (OPSB Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Plymouth Township Trustees was served with a copy the application on or about June 20, 2011 pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(B); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Plymouth Township Trustees is entitled to intervene OPSB Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN to represent its interests under the authority provide by Titles 5 and 55, Ohio Revised Code pursuant to R.C. 4906:08(A)(2) and ORC Rul 4906-7-04(A)(1);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Plymouth Township Trustees, Richland County, that:

Section 1. The Board of Plymouth Township Trustees, Richland County, herekauthorizes its intervention in OPSB Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN pursuant to R. 4906.08(A)(2) and ORC Rule 4906-7-04(A)(1) and directs its counsel to take the appropriate action to file the required notice of intervention.

Section 2. The Board of Plymouth Township Trustees, Richland County, find and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board and that adeliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing motion having been put to a vote, the result of the roll call was a follows:

Thank Fuy Down King The les E. Mille

yes yes

EXHIBIT

Dated: June 7_, 2011

Board of Plymouth Township Trustees, Richland County, Ohio.