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John Hohn, Director of Economic Development
Hardin County Chamber & Business Alliance
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Re: Hog Creek Wind Farm: Case No. 09-0277-EL-BGN / 11-0757-EL-BGA
Hog Creek Wind Farm II: Case No. 10-0654-EL-BGN
Hardin Wind Farm: Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN / 11-3446-EL-BGA

Dear Mr. Hohn:

Thank you for your letter dated June 30, 2011, regarding the proposed wind farms in Hardin County, Ohio.

In the matter of Hog Creek Wind Farm I, Case No. 09-0277-EL-BGN, the Applicant proposed the construction of a 48.6 MW wind farm consisting of up to 27 wind turbines in Hardin County, Ohio. On March 22, 2010, the Applicant received a Certificate for the siting, construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of their proposed wind-powered electric generation facility. However, the Applicant's amendment to this case, 11-0757-EL-BGA, is awaiting Board approval.

Regarding Hog Creek Wind Farm II, Case No. 10-0654-EL-BGN, the Applicant has proposed the construction of a 18.4 MW wind farm consisting of 8 wind turbines in Hardin County, Ohio. This case has been investigated by OPSB Staff and a staff report has recently been filed on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Docketing System. Additionally, the Applicant has published notice of a public hearing in local papers. The public will be invited to attend and give sworn testimony involving the case. This will be followed by an adjudicatory hearing at PUCO offices in Columbus, Ohio, where the staff, applicant, and intervenors present their evidence to help determine the outcome of the case.

Regarding Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN, Hardin Wind's proposed a 300 MW wind farm consisting of up to 200 wind turbines in Hardin County, Ohio. On March 22, 2010, the Applicant received a Certificate for the siting, construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of their proposed wind-powered electric generation facility. However, the Applicant's June 13, 2011,



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amendment, Case No. 11-3446-EL-BGA, proposing a more efficient wind turbine, is currently under staff investigation.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board grant certification for operation, the Applicant will obtain and provide proof of all applicable permits and authorizations required by Federal and State agencies for utility operations within the State of Ohio.

To view all activity pertaining to these cases, siting applications and/or rules governing the installation and operation of wind energy in Ohio, visit the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

KW: dgd



June 30, 2011

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The Hardin County Chamber & Business Alliance is in the business of promoting and cultivating economic prosperity for the entire community.

With that being said, the Alliance endorses wind farm development in Hardin County. Please reference case numbers 11-0757-EL-BGA, Hog Creek Wind Farm I, Hardin County, 10-0654-EL-BGN, Hog Creek Wind Farm II, Hardin County, and 09-0470-EL-BGN, Hardin Wind Farm, Hardin County. We strongly believe that wind farms will provide many positive benefits to our entire community and we give complete support for their development.

The wind farms will generate clean renewable electric energy for thousands of homes and businesses and pay millions in tax revenue to our schools and local government.

In 2010, the Hardin County Commissioners declared Hardin County an Alternative Energy Zone and established a property tax rate of \$9,000 / MW annually for wind energy projects. Per the County tax rate, the 65.6 MW Hog Creek Wind Farm (I&II combined) will pay \$590,400, and the 211.2 MW Hardin Wind Farm Phase IA will pay \$1,900,800 in property taxes annually over a 20 year lifetime. Over the same period, local area landowners will receive millions in direct lease payments, providing an injection of money into the local economy.

Wind farms bring much needed construction labor and supply chain jobs, as well as permanent jobs for the operations and maintenance period. The influx of construction workers will utilize local businesses, including hotels, restaurants, and stores.

As Director of Economic Development, I completely support efforts that will benefit Hardin County.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hohn".

John Hohn
Director of Economic Development
Hardin County Chamber & Business Alliance

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Summary: Public Comment and Response Letter to John Hohn, Hardin County Chamber & Business Alliance electronically filed by Raymond W. Strom on behalf of PUCO Staff