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July 21, 2011

Gene Pool
4043 Richey Rd.
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Re: Blue Creek Wind LLC
350 MW - Wind Powered Electric Generation Facility
Case No. 11-3644 -EL-BGA / Case No. 09-1066-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Pool:

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding Blue Creek Wind LLC's installation of a wind turbine electric generating facility located in Van Wert and Paulding Counties, Ohio.

In reviewing all particulars of the Blue Creek Wind LLC's application, Case No. 09-1066-EL-BGN, both public and adjudicatory hearings, our Staff Report of Investigation, case records and the concerns of those residents living within the Van Wert and Paulding Counties and affected areas, the OPSB found that Blue Creek Wind LLC's application satisfied all of the criteria established in accordance with Chapter 4906, of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Therefore, on August 23, 2010 the Board issued an Opinion, Order and Certificate to Blue Creek Wind LLC for the siting, construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the proposed wind-powered electric generation facility as modified pursuant to the opinion, order, and certificate.

On June 17, 2011, Blue Creek Wind LLC filed a second amendment with OPSB to review potential noise levels caused by its turbines at nonparticipating residences within the project boundary and within one mile of the project area.

Staff is currently investigating these concerns and your letter will be reviewed by the Board and the Administrative Law Judge. Staff will thoroughly evaluate Blue Creek Wind LLC's proposal and all supporting noise studies.

To view the Opinion and Order for Blue Creek Wind LLC and all activity pertaining to this case, siting applications and /or rules governing the installation and operation of wind energy in Ohio, visit our website at www.puc.state.oh.us or the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

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Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

KW: dgd

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From: OPSB-ContactUs [webmaster@puc.state.oh.us]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 6:08 PM
To: ContactOPSB
Subject: OPSB-ContactUs

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CONTACT_REASON: Complaint
TITLE: Not Selected
FIRST_NAME: Gene
LAST_NAME: Pool
EMAIL: turfwalker@bright.net
PHONE_NUMBER: 419-203-9546
ALTERNATIVE_PHONE_NUMBER:
STREET_ADDRESS1: 4043 Richey Rd.
STREET_ADDRESS2:
CITY: Van Wert
STATE: OH
ZIP: 45891
COUNTY: Van Wert
COUNTRY: USA
COMPANY_NAME:
CASE_NUMBER: 11-3644-el-bga
COMMENTS: Monday, July 18, 2011

Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Blue Creek Wind Farm, LLC
Case No. 11-3644-EL-BGA

OPSB Board,

Iberdrola Renewables has recently requested a change to conditions (42) and (43). With this change, it is their intention to raise the ambient noise level from 35 dB(A) to 45 dB(A) for the Blue Creek Wind Farm.

According to many well-respected and well-juried noise studies across the nation, most quiet, rural areas operate at 30 dB(A), and many suburban areas operate at 50 dB(A). It is my understanding that Iberdrola Renewables conducted its noise study along US 127. It seems that the Ohio Power Siting Board should question the authenticity of a noise study conducted within the loudest section of the wind farm. Less than five percent of the affected population resides within this area, whereas the majority of households exist within noise levels typical of quiet, rural areas, 30 dB(A). To increase the noise level to the requested 45 dB(A) allows noise levels to exceed those typical of a rural area, and

this is a direct violation of Blue Creek Wind Farm's stated policy to make its wind farm a desirable member of the communities in which it is located.

Iberdrola Renewables secured land agreements and good neighbor agreements under the stated promise that their wind farm would operate within a 35 dB(A). To change the noise level to those comparable to a suburban area is a contradiction of statements made by Iberdrola Renewables in contracts and sales literature.

In order to assure transparency and environmental justice, I am requesting a public hearing on this matter. The majority of individuals within Blue Creek Wind Farm have believed the promise made by Iberdrola Renewables. They have trusted in their contracts, and they have faith that the Ohio Power Siting Board will defend their way of life. Increasing the sound decibel to 45 dB(A) will have a direct impact on rural residents, and denying the chance to be informed about such change would be irresponsible and dishonest.

Sincerely,

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