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July 15, 2011

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

James Jacobs, President  
American Rail Center Corporation  
6722 Commodore Drive  
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James Leftwich  
Ohio Department of Development

Re: Hardin Wind Farm  
Case No. 09-0479-EL-BGN / Case No. 11-3446-EL-BGA

Theodore E. Wymysla, M.D.  
Ohio Department of Health

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for your input regarding Hardin Wind's proposal of a 300 MW wind farm consisting of up to 200 wind turbines in Hardin County, Ohio.

David Mustine

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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

Jim Zehringer

Ohio Department of Agriculture

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](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov).

Dr. Ali Keyhani

Public Member

Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

  
Kim Wissman, Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

Louis W. Blessing Jr.

Ohio House of Representatives

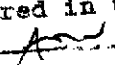
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CASE\_NUMBER: 11-3446-EL-BGA

COMMENTS: Kim Wissman,

Executive Director,

Ohio Power Siting Board,

180 East Broad Street,

Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Dear Honorable Member Wissman, My name is James Jacobs an Ohio resident and President of American Rail Center Corp (ARC), Walbridge Ohio. ARC is under State of Ohio agreement as we speak to construct a Rail Logistic Facility at Kenton Ohio, for the purpose of arriving industrial size wind turbine components into Ohio's wind production , via rail for the long distance logistics vs. the use of overweight highway trucks moving heavy permit loads. Construction is well underway with expected Invenergy turbines arriving late 3rd quarter 2011. Total costing for the terminal will finalize at \$7million + with costs including terminal construction, rail construction and equipment for handling heavy draft components. ARC is also under a contract loan for \$500,000.00 repairing CSXT lines connecting the terminal with CSX mainline. " Approval to move ahead with construction", was predicated on Invenergy's passing the Ohio Power Siting Board, thereby our mission mandated being ready for Invenergy. Their first Wind Farm shall be located only 12 miles from our Terminal. Scheduled machine arrival into Kenton stand as last quarter of 2011 – first quarter of 2012. In essence ARC is well into the

construction phase of the renewable energy terminal, providing our mandate promise to Ohio Dept of Development and Ohio Rail Development Commission being ready on time with our important piece of Ohio's Wind Turbine supply chain logistics.

With that said, we are very concerned with Mid – Ohio Energy Cooperative's (OEC) attempt to intervene again slowing the production process or possibly stopping the farm altogether. Invenergy has kept the same project, but has filed an amended application back to the Ohio Power Siting Board depicting a layout of the project in 2 or 3 phases. Over a year ago the Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative attempted to intervene in the project because of their Microwave signals that transverse the area. Their application at that time was denied by the OPSB as the OPSB indicated the issue was previously addressed. Now that Invenergy has filed an amended application Mid Ohio has requested a re-file petition, inclusive of public hearing all of which could cause serious delays. Be advised, the ripple effect places American Rail Centers' ongoing construction and completed facility in jeopardy. American Rail Center accepted OPSB's process of passing the Invenergy past review as green light for our construction, now Mid Ohio new requests clouds our continued construction decision.

In closing, may I ask, upon your review, the Ohio Power Siting Board considers " Mid – Ohio Energy Cooperative has had their review, that answers and machine locations have been given to them , that Invenergy has passed OPSB criteria in past practice, moving Invenergy forward and that American Rail Center made its decision based on OPSB's past Invenergy decision. Thereby moving all parties in forward action, moving forward as a team, complementing and completing Ohio's renewable energy requirements mandated by SB 232 requirement, predicated by power volumes and specific production dates. May I thank your for time and consideration.

Respectfully

James R. Jacobs

President,

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