Friday, July 22, 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:**

Please permit me to give a short answer to Ms. Sally Bloomfield's letter where she has unjustly discredited me for fulfilling my duties as a Trustee and a Tenant Farmer.

I have put my hand on a Bible and swore an oath in front of a judge to uphold the Constitution of The United States and the Ohio Revised Code.

As a Trustee for Hoaglin Township, I, along with two other trustees, have signed three of those letters referred to by Ms. Sally Bloomfield. The fourth letter she refers to was for a retired farmer who has told Ibedrola he wants nothing to do with them. Without his knowledge or consent, Ibedrola sent to the OPSB drawings for OPSB approval of turns on his farm. Because I am his tenant farmer, he asked me to write the letter to stop the turns on his property. Mr. Litchfield, project manager for Ibedrola, called me and told me that those drawings filed with the OPSB were done in a hurry and meant nothing.

I find the statement that a public hearing may stop the project absurd. A public hearing is designed and intended to inform the public of changes within their community. To say that Blue Creek Wind Farm has no effect on the community where it resides is irresponsible, and it is alarming that Iberdrola so blatantly avoids creating an informed public. Such response concerns me that there may be something we are missing, and it should equally concern the OPSB.

I have enclosed a resolution which I moved on Dec. 27, 2010. This resolution was to permit Cooper Farms to erect two 100 meter, 2 megawatt Gamesa Turbines. If Ms. Sally Bloomfield's attempt to discredit me were true, would I have moved a resolution to permit Cooper Farms Turbines?

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On 6-24-2011, Ms. Sally Bloomfield filed proof of publication for the second amendment for case No. 11-3644-EL-BGA. This may be found at OPSB website. I quote from the Van Wert Times Bulletin: Interested persons wishing to raise objections to the proposed amendment may do so by filing written objections and, if desired, a request for a hearing in case No. 11-3644-EL-BGA within 10 days of publication of this notice.

I have followed Ms. Sally Bloomfield's notice in my paper. I believe it is unjust for her to now use legal maneuvering to deny my rights as a concerned citizen and to diminish my responsibilities as a public official. If there are more rules to follow, then it appears their conspicuous absence in the publication was intended to aid Iberdrola towards discrediting any potential objections.

To say there is nothing new in Iberdrola's request is a total misrepresentation of the facts. Iberdrola is seeking a wide-reaching, generalized dB(a) for the entire project area. Consequently, nonparticipating residents will be forced to endure sound decibels at levels far exceeding the ambient dB(a).

My house and the majority of the houses in the area do not have this high of an ambient DBA. The conditions, as previously outlined by the OPSB, clearly state that if the ambient noise level is 30 at my residence, then 35 dB(a) will be the **maximum** allowed because I am one mile away and a nonparticipant.

I believe this should show that Blue Creek Wind Farm is asking for a change. If this change is approved, the OPSB has raised the allowed decibels at my house by 20 decibels. This is a considerable change.

Why has Blue Creek Wind Farm asked the OPSB to rush and approve this amendment? The turbines will not be producing electricity for several months. This in itself should raise a red flag. Many people in our area do not take the paper and are unaware of these proceedings. From the conception of this project, Iberdrola has hung its hat on its open-door policy, its care and concern for the surrounding community, and its transparency of the facts. Now, however, it seems that informing the public of such significant

change to sound levels is detrimental to Iberdrola. I believe this should be of great concern to all of us, for every one affected by this proposed amendment should have a chance to hear the facts.

OPSB will be making a decision that the residents will live with for up to 50 years. Is not this reason enough to be cautious and let the residents affected have a voice in the process?

As a concerned public citizen and, most importantly, as an elected public official who is charged with protecting and informing the general public, I again respectfully ask for a hearing on this matter.

Regards,

Milo Schaffner

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December 30, 2010

Eric Ludwig Cooper Farms—Cooked Meats 6793 US Route 127 N Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Dear Eric,

The Hoaglin Township Board of Trustees met to conduct business of the township on Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hoaglin Township house.

Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Alfred Osting, President Wayne Kemler, Vice President Milo Schaffner. Trustee

Also present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Sally Snyder, Hoaglin Township Fiscal Officer Sarah Mosier, Hoaglin Township Zoning Inspector Eric Ludwig, Cooper Farms Jeremy Kent, One Energy LLC

After discussion and during the course of the meeting, Milo Schaffner moved to pass the following resolution:

Whereas, the business of Cooper Farms-Cooked Meats located in Hoaglin Township at 6793 US Route 127 N, Van Wert, Ohio, has presented application for installation of two wind turbines of up to two megawatts each (four megawatts total), to service its operations at the above stated address, and Whereas, the proposed construction will be located on Cooper Farms' real estate, situated in Hoaglin Township and,

<u>Whereas</u>, Cooper Farms-Cooked Meats, and its consultants, and affiliates have presented appropriate and acceptable documentation detailing serbacks, ice

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(Cooper Resolution, continued)

throw, general upkeep, construction, noise, shadow flicker, adjustment of locations including site drawings of locations of both turbines and, Whereas, Section 519.213 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code states that Sections 519.02 and 519.25 confer power on the Board of Township Trustees to determine" location, erection, construction, reconstruction, change, alteration, maintenance, removal, use, or enlargement of any small wind farm whether publicly or privately owned, or use of land for that purpose," be it therefore; Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Hoaglin Township give approval to Cooper Farms-Cooked Meats to proceed with installation of said 2 (two) wind turbines as per documents submitted by Cooper Farms-Cooked Meats, its affiliates, and consultants.

Mr. Wayne Kemler seconded passage of the resolution and upon calling the roll, members answered as follows, the motion passing unanimously.

Mr. Schaffner, "yea",

Mr. Kemler, "yea",

Mr. Osting, "yea",

Submitted by,

Sally Snyder, Hoaghn Township Fiscal Officer