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**Re: Ashtabula Wind Energy LLC,
Case No. 11-2400-EL-BGN**

Dear Ms. McCauly:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (“OAC”) Rule 4906-5-08(A), the Applicant, Ashtabula Wind Energy LLC (“Applicant” or “Ashtabula Wind”), hereby provides the following information:

- **Project Description.** The Ashtabula Wind project will be spread across approximately 982 acres of “brownfield” in Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio that is currently being used for various commercial purposes, including but not limited to manufacturing, environmental remediation, and landfill waste disposal. The Ashtabula Wind project itself will consist of up to 19 turbines, each with a name-plate capacity of between 2.1 and 3.0 MW, as well as associated infrastructure (i.e. access roads, electrical collection system, construction staging area, operations and maintenance facilities and substations). Interconnection will be accomplished through PJM at a single interconnection point at First Energy’s 138 kV substation across Lake Road from First Energy’s coal-fired power plant.
- **Pre-Application Public Informational Meeting.** Ashtabula Wind will be holding a public information meeting from 5:30-7:00 p.m., on August 15, 2011 at the Kent State Ashtabula Campus, which is located at 3300 Lake Road West, Ashtabula, OH 44004. At the information meeting, attendees may view a map of the Ashtabula Wind Farm and company representatives

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will be available to respond to any inquiries posed by community members.

- **Anticipated Waivers.** Pursuant to OAC Rules 4906-01-03 and 4906-7-12(C), Ashtabula Wind will be asking the Board to grant certain waivers from the Board's filing requirements. Previously, Ashtabula Wind was granted a waiver from the requirement in Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.06(A)(6). Ashtabula Wind's supplemental waiver request is being filed in conjunction with this letter, and seeks the following additional waivers:

- (1) From providing an extensive site selection study to the extent that Applicant is not able to describe all the specific information listed in the site selection criteria as set forth in OAC Rule 4906-17-04(A);
- (2) From providing map of vegetative cover as set forth OAC Rule 4906-17-05(A)(3)(g), and instead allow the Applicant to provide a general narrative description of the vegetative cover that may be disturbed during construction; and
- (3) (a) From certain requirements relating to cross-sectional views and test borings and (b) from providing a map of the proposed electric power generating site showing the grade elevations where modified during construction as set forth in OAC 4906-17-05(A)(4). Instead, Applicant would (a) submit preliminary sample test boring information several months after it files the application and then provide the specific cross sectional views and test borings of the turbine locations once it determines the final locations of turbines and other structures and (b) submit proposed contours/grade modifications at the time it prepares construction drawings to be submitted to the Staff prior to construction..

Very truly yours,



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