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Karel Davis
6675 Champion Rd.
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Re: Black Fork Wind Energy LLC / Case Number 10-2865-EL-BGN

Dear Mrs. Davis:

On March 3, 2011, Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a certificate to construct and operate a 200 megawatt (MW) Wind Energy Project in Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio. Since that time, staff continues to review the application and carefully consider all potential impacts associated with the siting of this project.

Please be advised, a local public hearing in this matter will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the Shelby Senior High School, 109 West Smiley Avenue, Shelby, Ohio 44875. During the public hearing, residents affected by the project may provide sworn testimony to become part of the case docket. The adjudicatory hearing will commence on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

To view activities involving this application and/or rules governing the installation and operation of energy infrastructure in Ohio, please visit the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov. You may also sign up for automatic e-mail notifications of new filings at the Docketing Information System website (<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us>).

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

KW: dgd

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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case # 10-2865-EL-BGN

To board members,

My husband and I live in Plymouth Township, Richland County, Ohio, which places us in the boundaries of the proposed project. The purpose of this letter is to petition for **intervenor** status for the upcoming hearing in the above case number.

The Ohio Power Siting Board's mission statement reads:

"Our mission is to support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy capacity and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, promoting the state's economic interests, and protecting the environment and land use."

My testimony is meant to argue that Ohio's renewable mandates, which were put in place by a previous political agenda, SB 221 are not adequate to allow this project to claim public need. It is further a very reasonable calculation that the mandates of 25% alternative energy by 2025, or 12.5% from renewable, and 6 1/2% from sources from within Ohio in that time frame are **not achievable**. Therefore, I would testify that there must be other reasons put forth by the applicant, other than mandates and subsidies, to satisfy The Ohio Power Siting Board's mission statement which includes: that it must be "sound energy policy" and that it must be "for the benefit of the Ohio citizens". I would argue that the only Ohio citizens who may benefit are those large land owners who will be paid for the use of their land over time. Other residents of the industrial wind project will be burdened with helping subsidize the project with our tax dollars, pay higher utility rates resulting from what has been proven an inadequate form of generation, and all the other environmental trauma to our countryside.

As mine and other very valid points are brought out at this hearing, I respectfully ask that you all consider, heavily, your mission and the tax payer cost vs benefit to all Ohio residents if this project goes forward.. I would also ask that you weigh heavily the long term effects on our beautiful state, keeping in mind the many non-contract land owners within the project area. If you feel that the financial benefit of a few out of state (perhaps out of country) LLC companies and a few leaseholders outweigh all else, then this project will move forward at our long term peril.

Respectfully,



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