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RE: Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC  
Case # 10-2865-EL-BGN

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Dear Board Members,

I received a copy of **Notice of Filing applicant's August 5, 2011 and August 11, 2011 Responses to Staff's Data Requests**. I have several comments regarding **August 11, 2011 Responses to August 1, 2011 Data Requests – Set 5**.

There are two maps attached to the questions and answers titled **Bedrock Geology & Public Water System Wells** and **Surficial Geology & Public Water Systems Wells**. These two maps are supposed to identify locations of both private and public wells. The map does not include all private potable water sources located within the project area. However the information was obtained for insertion in this document, a more detailed examination of existing resident's water supplies needs to be prepared.

Question 5 of this reply asks: *How would a property owner, who suspects their well may have been impacted by project related activities, go about reporting the problem to the Black Fork team? Who would they contact? How would they acquire the appropriate complaint report information?*

The Black Fork Wind answer is listed. It would seem reasonable to require the wind farm developer to hire an independent third-party registered hydrologist to monitor the private water supplies of the project residents before the project begins. This should include measuring the depth, levels and flow of sources. The recording so these measurements should be kept at a public location such as township or county offices. Similar recordings should be required during and after construction. The wind farm developers should be required to follow ODOT specification 208.17 from the Construction and Material Specifications January 1, 2010 edition. The wind farm developer should be required to post a bond specifically for the repair, replacement of any private water sources.

The Black Fork Wind response to question 5 states "Any concerns that residents have regarding their water wells will be reported and addressed using the protocol established as part of the Project Complaint Resolution Plan, which is currently under development. This Plan will provide detailed

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information for residents on how to report concerns to Black Fork Wind and consequently how the applicant will investigate and address the concern." This methodology of addressing complaints and concerns is not acceptable. The plan should be completed and become part of any application.

Respectfully submitted,



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