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Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Kim Wissman
Executive Director,
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180 East Broad Street, 6th Floor
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Docketing Chief,
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Re: In the Matter of the Application of NEXTERA ENERGY
HONEY CREEK WIND, LLC for a Certificate to Site a Wind-
Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio,
Case No. 11-4886-EL-BGN


Dear Ms. Wissman and Ms. McCauly:

Please let this letter serve as the pre-application notification letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board of NextEra Energy Honey Creek Wind, LLC, ("Applicant" or "Honey Creek") to open a case for the proposed Honey Creek Wind Energy Center, which will result in a total generating capacity of up to 185 megawatts ("MW"). The company will be filing a motion for certain waiver requests, with the certificate application being filed in the Fall of 2011.

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-5-08(A) Honey Creek provides the following information:

- **Project Description.** The Honey Creek Wind Energy Center will be spread across approximately 14,000 acres of land located in portions of the Village of Bloomville, Bloom and Venice townships respectively in Seneca County and Lykens and Chatfield townships in Crawford, County Ohio. The Project itself will consist of approximately 115 turbines each with a name-plate capacity of 1.6 MW manufactured by General Electric or other similar wind turbine models, and associated infrastructure (i.e., access roads, electrical collection system, construction staging area, operations and maintenance facilities and substations). Interconnection will be accomplished through PJM.

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- **Pre-Application Public Informational Meeting.** Honey Creek will be holding a public information meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on September 22, 2011 at the Bloomville Community Center, 10 Beeghly Avenue, Bloomville, Ohio 44818. The program will provide an overview of the Honey Creek Wind Energy Center and allow company representatives to respond to any inquiries posed by community members.
- **Anticipated Waivers.** Pursuant to OAC Rules 4906-01-03 and 4906-7-12(C), Honey Creek will be asking the Board to grant certain waiver requests from the Board's filing requirements. Honey Creek's waiver request is being filed in conjunction with this letter, and seeks the following waivers:
 - (1) From the one-year notice period as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section ("R.C.") 4906.06(A)(6);
 - (2) 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);
 - (3) 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
 - (4) From certain requirements relating to cross-sectional views and test borings and maps set forth in OAC Rule 4906-17-05(A)(4) and (B)(1)(a) respectively, and instead to allow the Applicant to submit representative test boring information and then to submit additional information once it determines the final location of turbines and other structures; and
 - (5) From the requirement to provide grade elevations at each turbine site location set forth in OAC Rule 4906-17-05(B)(2)(h) until the final construction drawings are prepared.

Very truly yours,



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