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BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the Application)
of Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC for)
a Certificate to Install Numerous)
Electricity Generating Wind Turbines in)
Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio)

PUCO
Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM SCHROEDER

Q.1. Please state your name and address.

A.1. My name is William Schroeder. I am a lifelong resident of Richland County and currently live at 44 Taft Street in Shelby, Ohio.

Q.2. Do you own land in either Crawford or Richland County?

A.2. Yes. I own 100 acres on Hook Road in Richland County and 71 acres on Baker Road in Crawford County. This land is farmed currently by my brother and was previously farmed by my father.

Q.3. Did you sign up with Black Fork Wind Energy for a lease agreement?

A.3. Yes. I have a lease agreement for both properties.

Q.4. Are you supportive of granting the application of Black Fork Wind Energy?

A.4 Yes.

Q.5. Why?

A.5. I have lived in this area all of my life and I believe that this project will not have a negative impact on agricultural land in these areas. The ground around the turbines will remain open and rural, and will be able to be used for agricultural use. I also feel that this project will not only affect our local community's job and economic foundation in a

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positive way but it will also put the State of Ohio on the forefront of new, renewable, and reliable clean energy sources.

Q.6. Do you have any concluding remarks?

A.6. Yes, on a personal note, this project will provide my family with a much needed additional source of income, all the while allowing farming to continue on my property. I would also like to acknowledge the Black Fork Wind Energy Company and especially Scott Hawken for the professionalism both he and the company have shown. The meetings we have attended have been informational and we have acquired new knowledge of wind energy and turbines.

Q.7. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

A.7. Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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