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**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of :  
Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC for a : Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN  
Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered :  
Electric Generating Facility in :  
Richland and Crawford Counties, :  
Ohio. :

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**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
PAUL A. LAURENT  
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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1 1. Q. Please state your name, title, and business address.

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3 A. My name is Paul A. Laurent. I am a Public Utilities Administrator at the  
4 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. My business address is 180 East  
5 Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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7 2. Q. Please summarize your educational and professional background.

8 A. I joined the Public Utilities Commission in June of 2007 after receiving a  
9 bachelor's degree in business administration from Bowling Green State  
10 University and a master's degree in public administration from The Ohio  
11 State University. Prior to joining the Public Utilities Commission and  
12 while attending graduate school I worked as a graduate research associate at  
13 the National Regulatory Research Institute. Combined, I have more than  
14 five years of experience formulating, implementing, and evaluating energy  
15 policy in the State of Ohio.

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17 3. Q. What type of work do you typically perform?

18 A. My work responsibilities include developing and managing programs  
19 related to alternative and advanced energy resources, energy efficiency, and  
20 peak-demand reduction as guided by federal and state statute and adminis-  
21 trative code. I am also responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and making  
22 recommendations regarding existing and proposed federal and state

1 statutes, regulations, policies, programs, and procedures related to alterna-  
2 tive and advanced energy resources, energy efficiency, and peak-demand  
3 reduction. To this end, I often prepare or direct the preparation of written  
4 reports on behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities Commission and the  
5 Ohio Power Siting Board. I have also represented the staff at state and fed-  
6 eral regulatory proceedings and technical workshops.

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8 4. Q. Have you previously participated in other power siting cases in Ohio?

9 A. Yes, I have drafted sections of six staff reports of investigations in previous  
10 power siting cases.

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12 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case?

13 A. The purpose of my testimony is to outline the sections of the company's  
14 application I reviewed, the sections of the staff report I drafted, and the  
15 conditions I created.

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17 6. Q. What sections of the company's application did you review in this case?

18 A. I reviewed all or parts of sections 4906-17-02, 4906-17-03, 4906-17-04,  
19 4906-17-06, and 4906-17-08 of the company's application.

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21 7. Q. What sections of the staff report of investigation did you draft?

1           A.    I drafted the Public Interest, Convenience, and Necessity section of the staff  
2                    report of investigation.

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4   8.    Q.    What conditions did you create?

5           A.    I created none of the conditions presented in the staff report of investiga-  
6                    tion.

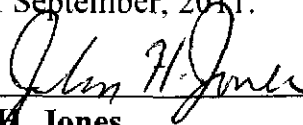
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8   9.    Q.    Does this conclude your testimony?

9           A.    Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to supplement my testimony as  
10                   new information subsequently becomes available or in response to posi-  
11                   tions taken by other parties.

## PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Paul A. Laurent**, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivered, and/or delivered via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
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