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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. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
JON R. WHITIS
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
FACILITIES, SITING & ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS DIVISION**

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

2 A. My name is Jon R. Whitis. My business address is 180 E. Broad Street,
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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5 2. Q. By who are you employed?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission)
7 and have assigned duties by the Chairman of the Ohio Power Siting Board
8 (OPSB) to investigate applications filed with the OPSB and assist in pre-
9 paring reports.

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11 3. Q. What is your present position?

12 A. I am employed as a Utility Specialist 2. In that position, I review assigned
13 Applications for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public
14 Need to construct electrical generating and transmitting facilities and
15 related infrastructure.

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17 4. Q. Would you briefly state your educational background and work history?

18 A. I graduated from The Ohio State University in August 1986 with a Bach-
19 elor Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Trans-
20 portation and Logistics. I also obtained an MBA from Ashland University
21 in 2004.

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1 5. Q. Have you previously testified before the OPSB?

2 A. Yes. I have previously testified before the OPSB in regard to the Applica-
3 tion of Buckeye Wind, LLC for a Certificate to Install Numerous Electricity
4 Generating Wind Turbines, Case Number 08-666-EL-BGN.

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

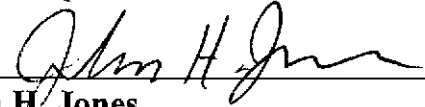
7 A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation in this case.
8 Specifically, I support the Roads and Bridges section of the Staff Report
9 that I authored.

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11 7. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Jon R. Whitis**, 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 15th day of September, 2011.


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