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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  
NICHOLAS E. DOSS  
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 Nicholas E. Doss. 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 an Environmental Specialist 2, Meteorologist. In that  
13 function, I review assigned Applications for Certificate of Environmental  
14 Compatibility and Public Need to construct electrical generating and trans-  
15 mitting facilities and related infrastructure.

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

18 A. I graduated from U.S. Navy Meteorology /Oceanography School in Febru-  
19 ary 2000. I attended Ohio University in pursuit of a Bachelor's of Science  
20 degree in meteorology (2003-2004) and Austin Peay State University in  
21 pursuit of a Bachelor's of Science degree in biology (2006). I also obtained  
22 my surface and upper-air meteorology certifications from the National

1 Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in 2005. In  
2 addition, I have attended numerous meteorological and oceanographic  
3 training courses as offered by the United States Navy and NOAA. From  
4 1999 to 2003, I was employed by the United States Navy as a meteorologi-  
5 cal and oceanographic technician. From 2005 to 2006, I was employed by  
6 the NOAA / National Weather Service as a meteorological techni-  
7 cian/operational meteorologist. From 2007 to 2008, I worked as a  
8 MIG/TIG welder at both Airborne Express (Wilmington, Ohio) and United  
9 McGill (Columbus, Ohio). I then moved to the public sector in July 2008  
10 and worked for the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services as  
11 a Customer Service Assistant 2 for the Benefits section. In May 2009, I  
12 transferred to my current position with the Public Utilities Commission of  
13 Ohio/Ohio Power Siting Board.

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

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

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

21 A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)  
22 in this case. Specifically, my testimony identifies the parts of the Staff

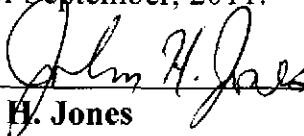
Report that I authored. I authored the Aviation, Shadow Flicker, Noise, Communications and Decommissioning sections of the Staff Report.

7. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Nicholas E. Doss**, 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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