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The Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

September 5, 2011

RE: Letter in Support of Black Fork Wind Project (10-2865-EL-BGN)

Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff,

We are writing this letter to express our support for the proposed Black Fork Wind Project in Richland and Crawford counties, Ohio. This type of project will help our country strive towards energy independence as well as help Ohio meet its Renewable Portfolio Standard of 12.5% by 2025. This project also will bring new jobs to our local community during construction and during the operational period, and is estimated to generate \$1.8 million in property tax payments to our local townships and counties.

Personally, we think this is something that is good for our community because of the opportunity to assist our country to become independent producers of clean energy and help to reduce our dependency on foreign countries. As supporters and grandparents of children in our local schools, the monies that will be generated and contributed will greatly benefit our local schools in improving not only their facilities but the quality of education that is provided to our local children, which will help insure our communities continued success into the future.

We have agreed to support this project by providing access to our land because the company has willingly provided access to any information that we have requested throughout this process. They have also seriously taken into consideration any concerns/suggestions that we have had for ways they could improve upon this project.

I urge you to approve the Black Fork Wind Project and request this letter of support be added to the official docket for consideration.

Sincerely,

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