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May 4, 2012

Gabriel Alonso
EDP Renewables North America, LLC
129 East Market Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Turbine Blade Failure
Timber Road II Wind Farm

Dear Mr. Alonso:

On April 24, 2012, the Ohio Power Siting Board staff was notified by EDP Renewables personnel of a blade failure that occurred earlier that day at turbine location 68 of the Timber Road II Wind Farm. Board staff inspected the site of the incident and confirmed that the site is secure and there are no immediate safety issues. Furthermore, staff confirmed that operations have been indefinitely suspended at all turbine locations of the project to ensure public safety while the operator and the turbine manufacturer fully investigate the incident.

It was clear from our telephone conversation on May 1, 2012, that we share a common concern for the safety issues raised by the blade failure, a commitment evidenced by your investigative efforts to date involving all turbines at the site. Thank you for the recent update on the progress of your investigation on May 3, as well. While we understand that determining the root cause of the failure may take time, we believe, and understand that you do as well, that such a determination is absolutely critical to ensure continued public safety. We understand your desire to resume operations as soon as possible, but only a thorough investigation, and the information it yields, will allow us to move forward confidently and safely. We trust that you agree and that you will continue to diligently pursue this goal.

Again, we appreciate your current and future efforts toward determining the root cause of the failure. We anticipate that you will provide the Board staff with regular and timely updates regarding the status of your investigation.

Regards,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

cc: Ohio Power Siting Board Members
Erin Bowser, EDP Renewables
Brian Hayes, EDP Renewables
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