

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Champaign Wind, LLC , for a Certificate	:	Case No. 12-160-EL-BGN
to Construct a Wind-Powered Electric	:	
Generating Facility in Champaign County,	:	
Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
TIMOTHY BURGNER
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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November 5, 2012

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

2 A. My name is Timothy Burgener. My business address is 180 E. Broad St.,
3 6th floor, Columbus, OH 43215.
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5 2. Q. By who are you employed?

6 A. I am employed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and
7 perform duties in the investigation of applications filed with the Ohio
8 Power Siting Board (OPSB), including assisting with the preparation of
9 staff reports and recommended conditions.
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11 3. Q. What is your present position?

12 A. I am a Utility Specialist 2/GIS Specialist.
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14 4. Q. What is your educational background and work history?

15 A. I have a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio
16 State University. During my two years of graduate studies, I was an intern
17 at the PUCO, working on applications to the OPSB. After graduation, I
18 became a full-time employee at the PUCO, and have continued reviewing
19 applications to the OPSB for the past six years.
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1 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case?

2 A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation in this case.
3 Specifically, I am testifying in support of the Land Use and Setbacks
4 sections of the Staff Report that I authored.
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6 6. Q. Describe how you investigated potential land use impacts.

7 A. I reviewed the existing and planned land use in the area, and whether the
8 ability to use that land for its intended purpose would be affected by the
9 facility.
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11 7. Q. What did you conclude regarding the project's potential impact on land
12 use?

13 A. The project would be constructed on land currently used for agriculture.
14 Although a small amount of land would be taken out of production for the
15 installation of access roads and the turbine base, agricultural activities
16 could continue on the rest of the land. The development of a wind farm in
17 the region is consistent with key issues identified in the Champaign County
18 Comprehensive Plan, including the conservation of farm land and devel-
19 oping new industry.
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1 8. Q. Do the setbacks proposed for the facility comply with the statutory mini-
2 mum setbacks?

3 A. Yes.
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5 9. Q. How did you determine that the proposed setbacks meet the statutory mini-
6 mum requirements?

7 A. To verify that the setbacks met the minimum setbacks from property lines
8 and habitable residential structures, I used GIS data supplied by the Appli-
9 cant and measuring tools in GIS software to verify the setbacks.
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11 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

12 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
13 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
14 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Timothy Burgener, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 5th day of November, 2012.

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