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April Huggins Davis
Village Administrator
Village of Mechanicsburg
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Mechanicsburg, Ohio 43044

Re: Buckeye II Wind Farm Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN

Ms. Davis,

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed Buckeye II Wind Farm. I have docketed your letter in the public comments section of the record in case number 12-0160-EL-BGN.

The adjudicatory proceedings of the case began on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Board's offices in downtown Columbus.

To view all activity pertaining to this case, siting application, and/or rules governing the installation and operation of wind energy in Ohio, visit the Ohio Power Siting Board's website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director Ohio Power Siting Board

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Buckeye Wind Project--Case No.: 12-0160-EL-BGN
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

This letter is to express my support for the proposed Buckeye II Wind Project in Champaign County.

I am a community member in Champaign County and I strongly believe that this second project will provide many positive benefits based on strong winds, strong economy and strong community. By expanding with Buckeye II, the wind farms in our county will:

- Generate clean, renewable electric energy for thousands of homes and businesses
- Pay millions in tax revenue to schools and local government
- Contribute to Ohio and U. S. energy independence
- Create hundreds of construction and manufacturing jobs and many ongoing operational jobs
- Assist Ohio in achieving its Advanced Energy Portfolio Standard
- Jumpstart an economic engine that will allow my friends, family and neighbors to thrive with a higher quality of life in Champaign County

As the Village Administrator I feel that the addition of the Buckeye II Wind Project will positively impact our community. This is my opinion and I do not speak on behalf of the whole community. Wind power is affordable and helps to keep down the cost of other fuels, it is a solution to pollution and to climate change, it has been proven around the world that wind farms have no direct impact on physical health, and the economic benefits to our community well outweigh any negative impact that the farms would bring. I feel that the revenue that would be generated would help relieve the taxpayers of the burden of repairing out dated infrastructure in the county. The technical jobs that would be created to build and maintain the turbines would create an opportunity for the community to retain its greatest resource for the future, our youth. I am concerned about climate change and I believe in the use of renewable sustainable energy for our future. The economic impact that this will have on our community, whether it be curiosity or by example, will showcase to the public that we are a forward thinking group of dedicated citizens trying to make our way in an ever changing world.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the public's opinions on this project. Many of us cannot wait to continue building strong winds, strong economy and strong community in our county. Your certification of this project will allow us to do so.

Sincerely,

April Huggins Davis

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