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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Barcy McNeal Administration/Docketing Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC Case No. 13-990-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Attached for filing is a copy of the letter that was mailed via first class mail to property owners and affected tenants pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-5-08(C)(3). The letter was mailed on March 12, 2014 to the affected landowners and tenants listed in Exhibits 2a and 2b to the Proof of Service filed on February 21, 2014.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sally W. Bloomfield

Attachment

Cc: Chad A. Endsley (w/Attachment) Greta See, Esq. (w/Attachment)



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Via Regular U.S. Mail

Re: Application of 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC for a Certificate to Site A Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Huron County, Ohio OPSB Case No. 13-990-EL-BGN

- ) Property Owners of Land Leased for the Wind Project:
- ) Tenants of Land Leased for the Wind Project:
- ) Property Owners of Land Next to Land Leased for the Wind Project:
- ) Tenants of Land Next to Land Leased for the Wind Project

# **Introduction**

Dear

As the attorney representing 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC ("Greenwich") before the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board"), I am sending this letter as required by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-5-08(C)(3). This letter is being sent to:

- all property owners and tenants within the planned project area; and
- property owners and tenants adjacent to the project area (those on land next to the land leased to Greenwich).

Because we do not have a complete list of tenants, I request that property owners who have leased land for the wind project and who have tenants on the leased land, share this letter with them. If you have tenants that are on the adjacent land, kindly share this letter with them or contact me with the tenant names and addresses so that I can send them information. Also, if you are receiving this letter and are not the property owner, please share this letter with the property owner or contact me with the property owner's name and address so that I can send them information.

If you are a property owner who has <u>not</u> leased your property to Greenwich Windpark, you are receiving this letter because your property is contiguous to the planned project area. Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-5-08(C)(3)(b) requires Greenwich Windpark to notify all property owners and tenants contiguous to the planned project area.

## **Description of Facility**

As you may be aware, Greenwich Windpark, a wholly owned subsidiary of Windlab Developments USA, Ltd., would like to construct, operate and maintain a 60 MW wind-powered electric generation facility consisting of approximately twenty five (25) 2.4 MW wind turbines that will spread across approximately 4,650 acres of leased land in Huron County. The wind project will be located in Greenwich Township. The general purpose of the project is to produce clean, renewable, reliably priced, low cost electricity to the Ohio electric marketplace, and new jobs to Huron County and the surrounding area.

## **Description of the Certification Process**

In order to construct, operate, and maintain the wind farm, 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC must obtain permission from the Board. That permission is provided in the form of a Certificate.

On December 23, 2013, 6011 Greenwhich Windpark, LLC submitted to the Board an Application for a Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Huron County, Ohio to construct, operate, and maintain a wind farm. The Board



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preliminarily reviewed the application to determine whether it was complete and contained all necessary requirements. On February 19, 2014, the Chairman of the Board notified 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC that the application was complete and contained all necessary requirements. 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC's application was deemed filed with the Board on March 6, 2014 for purposes of publication and it is now pending full review before the Board. The docket number that has been assigned to the application is Case No. 13-990-EL-BGN.

Upon receiving the certified and complete amended application, the Board fixed dates for public hearings. The non-adjudicatory hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the South Central High School, 3305 Greenwich Angling Road, Greenwhich, Ohio 44837. The adjudicatory hearing will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 11th Floor Hearing Room C, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Prior to the hearings, however, the application will be investigated by the Board staff. The investigation must be completed and the staff must submit a written report to the Board not less than 15 days prior to the date of the hearings. This written report is due by approximately April 21, 2014. The report will set forth the nature of the investigation and contain recommended findings with regard to the criteria the Board must use to review the amended application. A copy of the report will be made available to any person upon request.

The criteria the Board must use to review the amended application are as follows:

- (1) the basis of the need for the facility;
- (2) the nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) that the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) in the case of an electric transmission line, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) that the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code;
- (6) that the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) the impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility;
- (8) that the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

After the public hearings are completed, recent Board practice is that the Board directs the administrative law judge who presides over the hearings to prepare a draft order for its review and consideration. Alternatively, if the Board desires, the administrative law judge will prepare a written report of findings, conclusions and recommendations. Parties can file exceptions to the administrative law judge's report. Furthermore, the Board may ask the parties to prepare written briefs or present oral arguments regarding



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specific issues of concern. The Board will issue a final decision within a reasonable time after conclusion of the hearings. If a party is not satisfied with the Board's decision, an application for rehearing can be submitted and if the Board denies the rehearing application, the party can appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Parties who are interested in this amended application may file to intervene in the proceeding. The deadline for filing a petition for leave to intervene for any person who is not a public official served with the application is within thirty (30) days from the publication of an initial public notice that appeared in local newspapers including the *Norwalk Reflector*, on March 12, 2014 and *Greenwich Enterprise Review* on March 19, 2014. The Board encourages any interested persons to file as soon as possible. However, the Board rules (Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-7-04) provide that in extraordinary circumstances, and if good cause is shown, intervention may be granted to those who file a petition for leave to intervene. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, and cite Case No. 13-990-EL-BGN.

### **Public Hearing Dates**

As indicated above, the public hearing on this matter shall consist of two parts on dates set by the Board as follows:

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person has been scheduled for **May 6**, **2014**, at **6:00 p.m.**, at the South Central High School, 3305 Greenwich Angling Road, Greenwhich, Ohio 44837; and,
- (2) The adjudicatory hearing has been scheduled for **May 19, 2014** at **10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room C, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

The Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearings, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties.

You may access all the filings in this case at the PUCO website at <a href="http://www.puc.state.oh.us/">http://www.puc.state.oh.us/</a> and then clicking on "Docketing Information System (DIS)" under the heading "Documents and Rules" on the homepage. Once the Docket Information System screen appears, type the case number for the 6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC Application, Case No. 13-990-EL-BGN, and follow the instructions to retrieve copies of all filings in the case. A copy of the application may also be reviewed online at <a href="http://www.greenwichwindpark.com">http://www.greenwichwindpark.com</a>.

#### Conclusion

We expect that the Board will conclude, as we believe, that the Greenwich Windpark will benefit the community and the region. For questions, please contact Project Developer Monica Jensen at 734-335-6219 or <a href="mailto:monica.jensen@windlab.com">monica.jensen@windlab.com</a>.

Sincerely, Sally W Broomfiee

Sally W. Bloomfield

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