

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of **6011**)
GREENWICH WINDPARK, LLC for a)
Certificate to Site Wind-Powered Electric)
Generation Facilities in Huron County, Ohio.)

Case No. 13-0990-EL-BGN

TESTIMONY OF

Monica Jensen

on behalf of

6011 Greenwich Windpark, LLC

May 9, 2014

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1 **1. Please state your name.**

2 My name is Monica Jensen.

3 **2. Please give your business address.**

4 My business address is 927 Wing Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

5 **3. By whom are you employed?**

6 I am employed by Windlab Developments USA, Ltd., which is the sole owner of 6011
7 Greenwich Windpark, LLC (“Greenwich”).

8 **4. What is your position and your general background in the wind industry?**

9 I am the Vice President, Development. My wind career began as a project developer in 2006
10 with Third Planet Windpower. In 2008, I and two business partners started Forest Hill Energy,
11 whose primary business was assisting fortune 500 companies integrate wind into their energy
12 portfolio mix. In 2010, I joined Windlab as the western region director and have been in my
13 current position since 2012. My industry experience includes the development of projects
14 across many states and provinces, including Alberta, British Columbia, Colorado, Indiana,
15 Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio and Wyoming. A number of these projects are now
16 operational.

17 **5. What is your role in this application before the Ohio Power Siting Board?**

18 I am the Project Manager (“PM”) of the Greenwich project. I have been actively involved in
19 this project since its inception in 2010. I have personally talked with all the landowners (a
20 number on many occasions) with whom Greenwich has leases as well as many neighboring
21 landowners and the various officials at the township and county level in the Greenwich project
22 area. I am responsible for supervising the Application for a Certificate of Environmental
23 Compatibility and Public Need through the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”) process. I am
24 also responsible for managing the project, including retaining consultants and coordinating the

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1 eventual construction of the wind farm. Finally, I am responsible for working closely with the
2 Board Staff and ensuring close cooperation with the local communities impacted by the project.

3 **6. Please indicate the purpose of your testimony today.**

4 The purpose of my testimony is to give a short summary of the project and explain the
5 background of the stipulation¹ that has been presented in this case and to support its adoption
6 by the Board. I will provide background about the process that led to the stipulation and give
7 reasons why I believe the stipulation should be adopted.

8 **7. Please provide a summary of the Greenwich project.**

9 The project is located in Huron County and encompasses Greenwich Township. The total
10 project area consists of approximately 4,650 acres of leased farm and agricultural land. Land
11 lease and wind easements have been signed with approximately 29 landowners.

12 The wind farm will have up to 25 wind turbines, each with a nameplate capacity of 2.4 MW.
13 When completed, the project will generate 60 MW of electricity.

14 **8. Please provide the background concerning the discussions leading to the stipulation.**

15 Aside from the Staff, there is one intervenor in this case, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
16 (“Farm Bureau”). During the investigation phase, there were multiple meetings with the Staff
17 on site and throughout this process, our company representatives gained great respect for the
18 expertise of Staff. When the Staff Report was issued a few weeks ago, we had very few items
19 with which we disagreed and those issues primarily concerned refinement to the wording of
20 the conditions.

21 After we reviewed the Staff Report, we communicated our proposed changes and the reasons
22 for them to the Staff in writing so that when we met, the negotiation process could be

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1 efficiently conducted. At the negotiation meeting, we were able to settle all of the issues that
2 led to the final stipulation, which is being filed in this proceeding.

3 Those involved in the meeting included the Staff's project manager, its subject matter
4 specialists and an assistant attorney general assigned to the Board. The executive director of
5 the Farm Bureau also participated and I, as Greenwich's Project Manager and our counsel
6 attended. Thus, the discussions were among knowledgeable people who were committed to
7 resolving the issues we had between us.

8 Because of the seriousness, the respectfulness and the knowledge of the parties'
9 representatives, I believe we reached fair and equitable stipulation conditions. The stipulation
10 conditions largely incorporate the conditions in the Staff Report. As I mentioned previously,
11 Greenwich did not have issues with the substance of the conditions that were the subject of our
12 negotiations; we just needed further clarity.

13 **9. Why do you believe the stipulation should be accepted?**

14 In my opinion, the negotiations were held in good faith with legitimate concerns being
15 expressed by the parties. I believe that the stipulated conditions clarify some of the processes
16 that are to be followed as we move forward to construction, operation, and eventual
17 decommissioning.

18 Because of the cooperation of the Staff and Farm Bureau, we believe that the stipulation
19 conditions represent an improvement in some of the conditions originally presented in the Staff
20 Report. We think both the public and the project will be better served through the approval of
21 the conditions set forth in the stipulation today. The proposed wind farm will provide
22 economic benefits to the community. For example, landowner lease payments are made to all
23 landowners in the project regardless of whether facilities are located on their properties.
24 Where facilities are located on landowners' properties, their lease payments are based on a

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percentage of gross revenues, so as the project creates profits, a portion of those are passed onto the landowners. Increase tax revenue from personal property tax as well as the income from the leases paid by this project will filter into the local economy through increased spending in local business, and enhanced services by the local governments. Finally, the project has been warmly received in the community.

On behalf of the Greenwich project, I want to express our appreciation for the Staff's and the Farm Bureau's receptivity to our concerns and their willingness to work out satisfactory solutions. The Staff, Farm Bureau and Greenwich have agreed that the conditions in the stipulation are reasonable; they are the product of good faith negotiation among knowledgeable parties. Therefore the stipulating parties, which include the Staff, the Farm Bureau and the Applicant, recommend the conditions as well as the entire stipulation² to the Board for its approval.

It is my understanding that although a stipulation is not binding upon the Board, stipulations are given careful scrutiny and consideration, particularly where, as in this case, no party is objecting to the stipulation.

10. Are there any other matters you would like to bring to the attention of the Board concerning this case?

Yes, I wanted to mention that there were no witnesses at the public hearing who opposed this project. Though we had talked with many people in the area about supporting the project by attending and testifying at the public hearing on May 6, 2014, because of the timing of the hearing and the fact that the people in the community are mostly farmers who are now considerably behind in spring planting due to uncooperative weather, only a few were able to attend the hearing. However, I would call the Board's attention to the 15 letters of support

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1 from community members as well as many from union members, which were filed in this
2 proceeding.

3 **11. Does this conclude your testimony?**

4 Yes, it does, except I reserve the right to modify the testimony if the stipulation that will be
5 filed in this case is changed from what I understand it to be today.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Testimony of Monica Jensen has been served upon the following parties listed below by electronic mail, this 9th day of May 2014.



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