

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Hardin Wind Energy LLC for a )  
Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered ) Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN  
Electric Generation Facility in Hardin )  
County, Ohio. )

ENTRY

The Board finds:

- (1) On July 10, 2009, Hardin Wind Energy LLC (Hardin) filed an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a 300 megawatt wind-powered electric generation facility in Hardin County, Ohio.
- (2) On March 22, 2010, the Board issued its Opinion, Order, and Certificate approving the stipulation entered into between the parties in this case and authorizing the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility. The Order provided that the certificate shall become invalid if Hardin has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the facility within five years of the issuance of the certificate.
- (3) By Order on Certificate Amendment issued August 29, 2011, the Board approved a stipulation entered into between the parties in *In re Hardin Wind LLC*, Case No. 11-3446-EL-BGA (*Hardin Amendment*), authorizing Hardin to utilize different turbine models than those approved pursuant to the Board's March 22, 2010 Order.
- (4) On August 26, 2013, Hardin filed a motion to extend the term of the certificate authorized in the March 22, 2010 Order for a period of 36 months. In support of this motion, Hardin notes market forces beyond its

control have been largely responsible for the delay in the development of the facility. Hardin states that suppressed electricity prices undercut Hardin's ability to enter into a purchase power agreement for the projects energy and renewable energy credits at a price sufficient to support the financing of the project. Hardin claims that it has worked to adapt to changed market conditions by reconfiguring the project design and upgrading the turbine model of the basis of a combination of availability, design, and price. See *Hardin Amendment; In re Hardin Wind LLC*, Case No. 14-1030-EL-BGA, Application (June 5, 2014). Finally, Hardin argues that its significant and continued investment in the project demonstrates its commitment to the project's completion. No party opposed Hardin's motion.

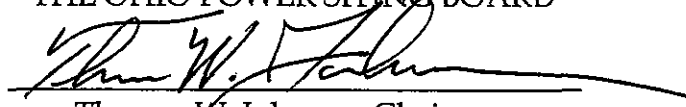
- (5) The Board finds that Hardin's motion to extend the term of the certificate is reasonable and should be granted.

It is, therefore,

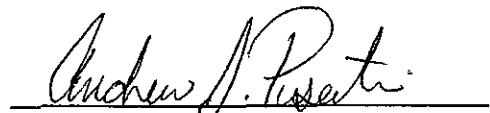




ORDERED, That Hardin's motion to extend the term of its certificate for a period of 36 months to March 22, 2018, is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon Hardin and all other interested persons of record.

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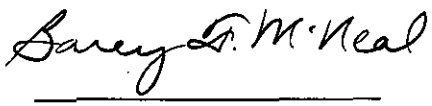
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