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Before the Ohio Power Siting Board

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In the Matter of the Application of
Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC for a
Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered
Electric Generating Facility
In Crawford and Richland Counties, Ohio

Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

Memorandum Contra

Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC has requested an extension of its certificate to develop the Black Fork Wind Farm. One of the reasons listed is due to intervention by citizens who expect to be affected by the construction and existence of this industrial wind generating facility. It is an appropriate time to note that the Ohio Power Siting Board encourages public participation in the OPSB process. One is to assume that meaningful participation may and should include residents of a project that are opposed. The possibility for opposition and the length of time to process such would necessarily be included in the expectations of the company (Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC) and the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) and the attorneys prior to the initiation of the application. The interveners did not cause delays to the development of the project. Rather the interveners exercised their granted right to participate in the government that wishes to exert control over their lives. The extension should not be granted.

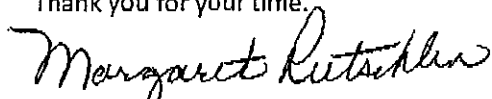
Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC in its Memorandum in Support of Extension refers to the need for energy companies to comply with EPA standards. (Page 3, paragraph 2). The same EPA proclaims its commitment to Environmental Justice. The Agency writes on its website:

"No segment of the population, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, as a result of EPA's policies, programs, and activities, suffers disproportionately from adverse human health or environmental effects, and all people live in clean and sustainable communities."

"Those who must live with environmental decisions – community residents, environmental groups, State, Tribal and local governments, businesses – must have every opportunity for public participation in the making of those decisions. An informed and involved local community is a necessary and integral part of the process to protect the environment."

There are changes to the Black Fork Wind Farm turbines and siting as presented in the amendment (see new Case No. 14-1591-EL-BGA). Additionally there have been considerations made in the setbacks by the Ohio Legislature. It seems that the requested extension and associated amendment is an attempt to circumvent the new siting parameters and seek grandfather status of the original application. The amendment should be considered a new application and the extension not granted.

Thank you for your time.



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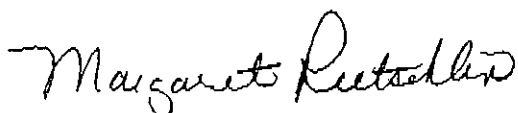
Re: Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC
Case No. 14-1591-EL-BGA

Dear Board Members and Staff,

I am a resident of the area encompassed by the wind-powered electric generation facility referenced above. Many of my concerns were relayed to the Board and Staff in the previous, related case identified as 10-2865-EL-BGN. I wish to preserve my ability to intervene in the proposed amended case. It is not clear to me if the OPSB regards an amended case as new or not. As you have assigned a new case number to the project, I feel it is important to write to you.

I am requesting the ability to intervene in Case No. 14-1591-EL-BGA as a non-participating resident/receptor. The issues that confront me include but are not limited to noise, flicker, protection of property rights, protection of property value, and the continued enjoyment of my life.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Rietschlin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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