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Ohio Power Siting Board
Attn: Docketing Division
Case #14557-EL-BGA
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Case Number: 14-1557-EL-BGA
Hardin LLC Amendment

Re: Motion to Intervene

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is concerning the amendment to the Scioto Ridge Farm (Case Nos. 13-1177-EL-BGN, 13-1767-EL-BSB, 13-1768-EL-BTX). My wife and I are non-participating residents who reside at 18504 County Road 75, Belle Center, OH 43310. This letter's purpose is to formally request intervener status. The reasons for requesting intervener status are:

1. Proposed new substation is right across the road from my home. If this plan was approved once before, why are we changing it? When a family buys a home out in the country, it is done with an idea relative to the local area land use, of an *agricultural* use, and the price is based on the market's perceived value given the surrounding uses of the ground around you, lifestyles, view and traffic. When a commercial enterprise comes along and wants to change everything, overlaying an industrial zone over top of an agricultural area, or create a state siting board to usurp the right to home rule, in land matters, and the end use result is they can potentially steal other peoples' property values and right to quiet enjoyment of their land. Quiet enjoyment is the legal right of a property owner to enjoy their property in peace without interference. I did not buy a property by a railroad, because I did not want to hear trains—I bought a property in the country! They may spread manure around me and it might smell a few days out of the year, but I bought a property in the country. I did not buy a property by an airport, because I did not want to hear jets. I bought a property in the country knowing I would hear the sound of farm equipment in the spring for planting—but not by a highway hearing traffic all the time. I bought a place in the country expecting to hear combines in the fall, but not close to an industrial park to hear and see industrial turbines. I did not expect to have excessive lights and noise from a substation next to my house. The noise, lights, vibration and static is not common to a property in the country. I am upset now that when I, or any of my family, go outside to enjoy my property, my pond, my porches, my gazebo or just my yard, I will be forced to look at, and hear a substation. I understand that I cannot stop my neighbors from doing what they wish to do with their property, but why must I suffer because of it? I would expect that my right to intervene would help me

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to find a way to make a deal with this atrocity. Why can't they move the substation further away so the light and noise will not be as bad, it is located almost directly in front of my house and pond?. Will they plant trees to block the view and buffer the sound and vibrations?

2. Shadow Flicker. My home will be surrounded by industrial wind turbines! According to the most recent information provided in the amendment , my home is projected to receive over 100 hours of shadow flicker a year. According to the Staff Report, filed Dec. 24, 2013, page 64, paragraphs 14, and 15; " The facility shall be operated so that the facility shadow contribution does not result in shadow flicker levels that exceed 30 hours per year for any non-participating sensitive "receptor". I have yet to be contacted by anyone about this and find this unacceptable. I have a daughter that is severely handicapped- she has seizures, and most people know that flickers, strobe lights and repetitive flashes of light activate seizures. Of course we are told that the strobe from a spinning turbine is to low to cause a seizure, but I do not take chances when it comes to my child. What am I to do—keep her in the basement or should I put blinders on her until she dies? Look at my property—they are all around me! By intervening, I hope that I can find a solution to protect my daughter.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Herbert J. Stevenson AND FAMILY

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