

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Hardin)	
Wind LLC to Amend its Certificate Issued in)	Case No. 14-1557-EL-BGA
Case No. 13-1177-EL-BGN)	

MOTION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE

Through this motion, Hardin Wind LLC requests a status conference in this proceeding regarding its September 2014 application to amend its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm. Hardin Wind's application proposed minor amendments to the project. Its application, however, has been pending for over nine months with no formal action taking place. Given the delay, Hardin Wind respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge hold a status conference so the parties can discuss the status of the proceeding including any need for a procedural schedule. Hardin Wind counsel has contacted counsel for Staff, counsel for intervenors Logan Hardin Neighbors United and James Rudolph and intervenor Joseph Grant, and none of those parties oppose this motion.

The reasons for these requests are set forth more fully in the Memorandum in Support attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
OF HARDIN WIND LLC'S
REQUEST FOR STATUS CONFERENCE**

Hardin Wind LLC ("Hardin Wind") filed an application in this matter over nine months ago in September 2014, to amend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need that was issued by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") in *In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind LLC for a Certificate to Construct a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin and Logan Counties, Ohio*, Case No. 13-1177-EL-BGN. The certificate issued to Hardin Wind granted it authority to construct, operate and maintain the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm, which is composed of 172 wind turbines, access roads, an electrical interconnect, construction staging areas, and a collection substation.

In its September 2014 amendment application, Hardin Wind proposed minor changes to the certificate, specifically:

- Five minor turbine shifts;
- Relocating a meteorological tower;
- Minor changes to the access road and collection line designs;
- Relocating the collector substation closer to the interconnect substation;
- Adding two new turbine models; and
- Adding two access roads and six collection lines.

By notice filed on December 12, 2014, Hardin Wind gave notice of a shift in the proposed location of the collector substation, but on the same parcel of land as proposed in the September 2014 amendment application. That notice was a result of a settlement with a non-participating property owner.

Although Hardin Wind's proposed changes are minor, no formal action has taken place regarding Hardin Wind's application. The petitions to intervene filed in 2014 remain pending

and a procedural schedule has not been established for this matter. The Board Staff has also yet to issue a report of its investigation.

The delay in this proceeding is having a real impact on the Scioto Ridge project. For example, the lack of activity on Hardin Wind's application is impacting Hardin Wind's ability to market the project's output to potential customers with firm commitments on the project's availability. To avoid further impacts, Hardin Wind requests that the Administrative Law Judge schedule a status conference within the next two weeks to discuss the status of the application and provide the parties with an opportunity to address any open issues that need to be resolved prior to the issuance of the Staff report of investigation.

WHEREFORE, Hardin Wind respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge schedule a status conference in this matter and pursuant to Rule 4906-7-12(F) issue an expedited ruling on this motion as it will not adversely affect a substantial right of any party.

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