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February 5, 2016

Ryan J. Brown Paulding Wind Farm III LLC a subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC 155 E. Market Street, Suite 307 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Case: Timber Road III Transmission Line Case Number: 15-1737-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is to inform you that the above referenced application, filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) on December 8, 2015, has been found to comply with Chapters 4906-01, et seq., of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). This means the Board's Staff has received sufficient information to begin its review of this application. During the course of its investigation, the Staff may request additional information to ensure a full and fair assessment of this project.

Pursuant to Board rules in effect at the time of submittal, the certified application and supplements must now be filed with the Board in accordance with the provisions of OAC Rules 4906-5-06 and 4906-5-07. In summary form, these rules require:

- 1. Serving copies of the certified application upon appropriate government officials and public agencies. In this regard, please inform these officials in writing that if they wish to intervene in the proceedings they must file a notice of intervention with the Board within thirty days of being served a copy of the application.
- 2. Filing Proof of Service with the Board.

Upon completion of these requirements, you will be notified of the effective date of filing and the date and location of the public hearing.

Please be informed that under Section 4906.04 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the applicant shall not commence to construct any portion of the facility prior to obtaining a certificate from the Board.

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Also be informed that to assist your company in meeting the provisions of Ohio Power Siting Board rules, the Board will serve as a clearinghouse for the distribution to and service of the application and supplements upon the following state agencies:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Ohio Department of Agriculture Ohio Development Services Agency Ohio Department of Health Ohio Department of Natural Resources Ohio Department of Transportation Ohio Historical Society

Upon filing, pursuant to ORC Section 4906.06(F) and OAC Rule 4906-5-11(C), the amount of \$50,000.00 as an application fee is due.

Please file Proof of Payment in the Docket. Attachment A, with the date the check was mailed, shall be considered sufficient proof.

The check should be designated by case number 15-1737-EL-BTX and be payable to:

Treasurer, State of Ohio Fund 5610, Power Siting

Please send the check along with Attachment A to:

Treasurer, State of Ohio L-3603 Columbus, OH 43260-3603



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Depending on the complexity of the staff investigation, the application fee may not cover all costs associated with this case. Additional invoicing may be necessary.

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Ray Strom at (614) 466-7707 or Jon Pawley at (614) 644-7631.

Sincerely,

Patrick Donlon Director, Rates and Analysis Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

cc: Jason Cross, Rates and Analysis

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ATTACHMENT A

Ohio Power Siting Board Application Filing Fee

Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

Case Number: 15-1737-EL-BTX

Project Name: Timber Road III Transmission Line

Application Fee: \$50,000.00

Speed code	Deposit Unit	GL Unit	Fund	Deposit Unit	GL Unit
PUCPSITING	PUC01	STATE	5610	PUC01	STATE

Fund	Account Code	ALI	Department	Program	Agency Use	ISTV Xref
5610	425049	N/A	PUC701310	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Treasurer, State of Ohio Fund 5610

Mailing Address:

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**The above address does not accept UPS or FedEx deliveries. If using one of these carriers, please send payment to:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Power Siting) Attn: Fiscal Department 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

*****PLEASE INCLUDE THIS ATTACHMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT*****