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March 22, 2016

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal  
c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: OPSB Case No. 15-1737-EL-BTX  
Paulding Wind Farm III LLC  
Proof of Publication – Notice of Application for Timber Road III  
Transmission Line

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Dear Ms. McNeal:

Please find attached copies of two affidavits and a newspaper tear sheets indicating that the “Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility” was published in newspapers of general circulation in Paulding County, where the proposed facility will be located. The first Notice was published on March 4, 2016 in *The Crescent-News*. The second Notice was published on March 9, 2016 in *The Paulding Progress*.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

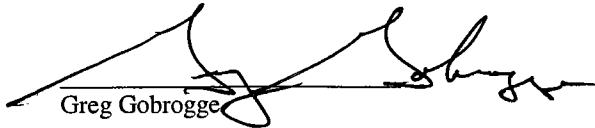
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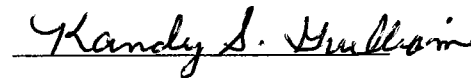
I, Greg Gobrogge, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am an advertising clerk of THE CRESCENT-NEWS (FED. ID 34-1842326) a newspaper published in the city of Defiance, and of general circulation in the County of Defiance, State of Ohio, and have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated and that the notice hereto annexed was published in said newspaper for 1 insertion(s) on the same day of the week from and after the 4th day of March, 2016 and that the fees charged are legal.

  
Greg Gobrogge

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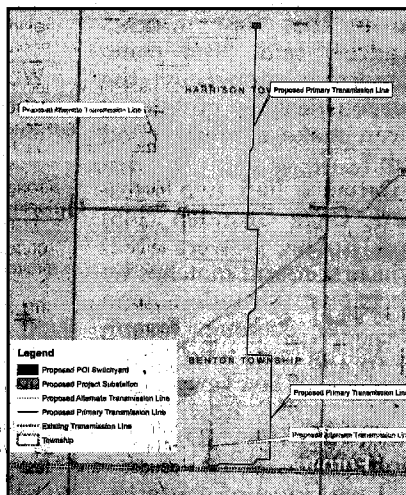


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Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires January 29, 2018

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Paulding Wind Farm III LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America, LLC, is proposing to construct the Timber Road III Transmission Line with associated point of interconnect ("POI") switchyard in Paulding County. The proposed facility will consist of a new 138 kV transmission line and a new POI switchyard which will be used to deliver power generated by the Timber Road I Wind Farm and the Timber Road III Wind Farm to the regional power grid. The Timber Road III Wind Farm collection substation will be located along Road 124 just west of the intersection with Road 33 in Harrison Township. The Timber Road III transmission line will run south from the collection substation to the existing 138 kV Lincoln-Sterling Circuit where the proposed Timber Road III POI switchyard will be constructed. A preferred route and an alternate route have been identified for the proposed transmission line.

The primary purpose of the facility is to deliver electricity generated by the Timber Road I Wind Farm and the Timber Road III Wind Farm from the collector substation to the Timber Road III Wind Farm to the proposed Timber Road III POI switchyard to be located adjacent to the existing American Electric Power 138 kV Lincoln-Sterling circuit.



The preferred transmission line route will traverse approximately 8.5 miles of land in Harrison and Benton Townships, connecting the wind farm collection substation and the Timber Road III POI switchyard. The alternate transmission line traverses approximately 11.6 miles of land in Harrison and Benton Townships, connecting the wind farm collection substation and the Timber Road III POI switchyard. The POI switchyard is proposed to be on approximately 2.1 acres in an area enclosed by a chain link fence and will be located on the south side of State Route 114 in Benton Township, just east of the intersection with Town Highway 27, immediately west of the existing Timber Road II POI switchyard.

Paulding County Commissioners Klopfenstein, Zartman and Holtsberry as well as the Paulding County Economic Development, Inc., 101 E. Perry St., Paulding, OH 45879 have received a copy of the accepted, complete application in accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board rules. A copy of the accepted, complete application was also sent to the Benton Township Trustees (Crosby, Noggle and Thome) and the Harrison Township Trustees Benschneider, Stabler and Olwin. A copy of the application was also served on the following libraries: the Paulding County Carnegie Library, 205 S. Main St., Paulding, OH 45879; the Antwerp Branch at 205 N. Madison St., Antwerp, OH 45813; and the Payne Branch located at 101 N. Main St., Payne, OH 45880. A copy is also available for inspection at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, Docketing Division, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215 and is also available for inspection online at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb/>.

Paulding Wind Farm III LLC has filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board an application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the Timber Road III electric transmission line and associated POI switchyard in Case No. 15-1737-EL-BTX, which is now pending before the Board.

The following eight criteria are set forth in section 4906.10(A) of the Revised Code and used by the Board in reviewing an application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain such a facility:

1. The basis of the need for a facility, if the facility is an electric transmission line or a natural gas transmission line;
2. The nature of the probable environmental impact;
3. That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations;
4. In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with the regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
5. That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the Board shall consult with the Offices of Aviation of the Division of Multi-Modal Planning and Programs of the Department of Transportation and section 4561.341(4561.134.1) of the Revised Code.
6. That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity;
7. In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing and agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission or production of any information, document or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.
8. That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature in economics of the various alternatives.

Section 4906.07 of the Revised Code provides:

(A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the Power Siting Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

(B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate the Board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as hearing being held on an application for certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in a material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.

(C) The chairman of the Power Siting Board shall cause such application filed with the Board to be investigated and shall, not less fifteen days prior to the date of any application is set forth hearing submit a written report to the Board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become a part of the record and served upon all parties in the proceeding. The public hearing shall consist of two parts:

(a) a local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person commencing on April 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., at Wayne Trace Junior-Senior High School, 4915 U.S. 127, Haviland, Ohio 45851; and

(b) an adjudicatory hearing commencing on April 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, OH 43215-3793.

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Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Rule 4906-5-08(C)(1), O.A.C., or by April 4, 2016, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3793, and site the above-listed case number.

The above map shows a proposed layout of the facility.

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Timber Road III Transmission

## **Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF OHIO }  
COUNTY OF PAULDING }

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Douglas E. Nutter, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Publisher of the Paulding Progress, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Paulding, Paulding County, Ohio; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

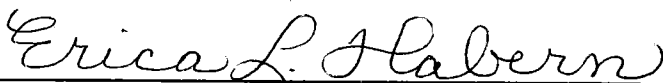
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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED

  
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Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 9th day of March 2016.



Erica L. Habern, Notary Public, Paulding County, Ohio

My commission expires: October 24, 2020

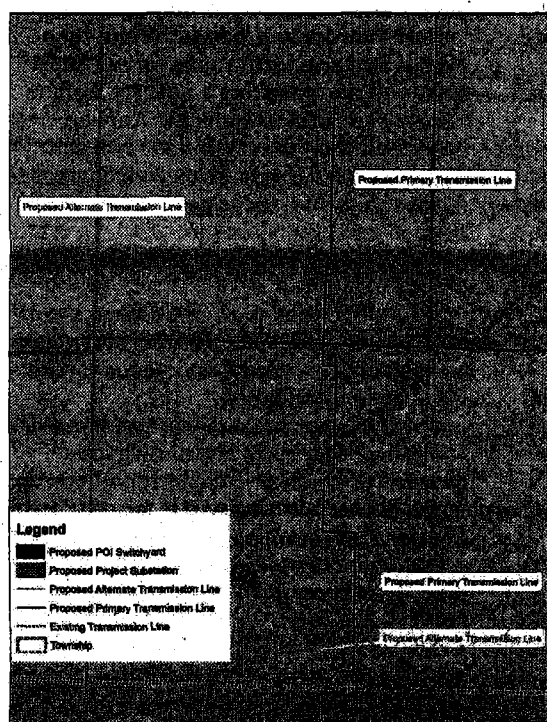
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