

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

<b>In the Matter of the Application</b>	)	
<b>of Hardin Wind LLC for a Third</b>	)	
<b>Amendment to its Certificate Issued</b>	)	<b>Case No. 16-1717-EL-BGA</b>
<b>in Case Number 13-177-EL-BGN</b>	)	

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**Statement of Support  
of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation**

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On August 16, 2016 Hardin Wind LLC (“Hardin” of “Applicant”) filed its Application for a Third Amendment to the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm. Through this Application, Hardin is proposing a capacity increase to the already approved Vestas V110 turbine model.

On September 16, 2016 the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (“OFBF” or “Farm Bureau”) filed a Motion to Intervene to be a Party of Record in this proceeding. Farm Bureau was involved as a Party of Record concerning the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need sought by the Applicant in OPSB Case Number 13-177-EL-BGN. It continued working with stakeholders as a Party of Record in Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”) Case Number 14-1557-EL-BLA and is involved in OPSB Case Number 16-0725-EL-BGA. The organization explained that it fully understands and appreciates the rules and regulations governing the OPSB evaluation process and would continue to share its experiences and unique perspective with the Ohio Power Siting Board as it works with others to evaluate this Amendment.

On October 7, 2016 the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board filed their Staff Report of Investigation in accordance of OPSB rules and Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. As a result of application review, OPSB Staff recommends that the Board approve the application,

provided that the certificate continues to include all conditions specified in the Opinion, Order, and Certificate for case number 13-1177-EL-BGN.

OFBF field staff and volunteer leaders with the Hardin and Logan County Farm Bureaus continue to work with wind developers, government leaders and interested citizen/consumer groups to explore how wind energy development should be addressed at the local level. As understood in this and previously filed Applications, Amendments and descriptions, the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm project details a variety of economic benefits, as well as adherence to a number of environmental safeguards. Effective collaboration between the developer, energy service providers, government officials and interested citizens will be vital to ensure that all potential benefits are realized, and consumers at local, state and regional levels can employ the completed wind farm as a tool to help control energy costs.

For these reasons, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation supports approval of the Application for a Third Amendment for the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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