From: Jane Harf [mailto:jaxharf@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 12:22 PM

**To:** Puco ContactOPSB < <a href="mailto:contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov">contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov</a> **Subject:** GEO Letter of support for Icebreaker Wind

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

Please see attached letter from Green Energy Ohio in support of Icebreaker Wind. Unfortunately we are unable to testify in person at tonight's public hearing; however, we are submitting this letter for the record.

Best regards,

Jae Harf Executive Director, Green Energy Ohio



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I am writing on behalf of Green Energy Ohio (GEO) in support of LEEDCo and Icebreaker Wind. For almost two decades, GEO has been dedicated to promoting environmentally and economically sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio. GEO has a statewide membership base of businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals committed to moving Ohio forward on energy and climate issues.

Several of GEO's key policy positions support the LEEDCo model and the Icebreaker Wind project.

- ➤ We strongly encourage collaborative approaches to energy development where government, energy service providers, research institutions, manufacturers, and community stakeholders share strategies and resources.
- ➤ With regard to 21<sup>st</sup> century electric power generation, we support the use of renewable technology and its associated fuels whenever environmentally and economically feasible, especially by communities wanting to invest in and financially support renewable resources.
- ➤ We support **research and development** on clean energy technologies from the design stage to prototypes to pilot projects as a way of identifying those applications with the greatest potential for success.
- ➤ GEO believes that an effective **Diversified Energy Portfolio** is critical to achieving environmental, economic, and societal benefits. We support the deployment of a variety of resources and technologies that work in concert to meet the full energy requirements of individual consumers and respective communities.

GEO is pleased to be counted among the supporters of Icebreaker Wind. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Best regards,

Jane Harf

Executive Director Green Energy Ohio

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Cc: Daren Gretz < daren.gretz@aon.com >

Subject: 16-1871- EL-BGN Icebreaker Windpower

Regarding the upcoming hearing for 16-1871- EL-BGN Icebreaker Windpower:

On behalf of Darren Gretz, Senior Vice President of Aon Risk Solutions for AON Global Power and Construction Services Group, and myself,

"Aon Global Power is the leading insurance broker for the offshore wind industry with proven expertise, delivering comprehensive risk solutions for offshore projects. LEEDCo's Ice Breaker Wind project has the full support of Aon's risk engineering and insurance specialist during development, construction and operations."

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CASE NUMBER: 16-1871-EL-BGN: Icebreaker Wind Facility

COMMENTS: Dear OPSB:

Good Morning! I am writing today to voice my support for the Icebreaker Wind Farm off the Cleveland shore of Lake Eerie. This facility will generate capital for our region while contributing to a growing alternative to our dangerous dependence on fossil fuels. The wind farm will enliven the local labor force and business community with opportunities in manufacturing, construction, and maintenance, generating an estimated \$168 million in Gross Regional Product and \$188,000 in annual tax revenue.

Additionally, because it will be the first facility of its kind in the Great Lakes Region, Icebreaker offers Northeast Ohio the chance to lead the supply chain. Its success might inspire other cities to follow suit, opening regional markets to local businesses who learn to work with the offshore wind industry today. I encourage you to grant Icebreaker Wind any permits necessary to getting started. I thank you for reading and wish you good day.

Sincerely,
James Matzorkis

From: Jim and Nina Herold [mailto:bigkahuna516@gmail.com]

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To: Puco ContactOPSB < contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov >

Subject: Case # 16-1871-EL-BGN

Dear OPSB,

I am very concerned about the proposed wind turbines in Lake Erie. I am a resident of Cleveland and do not want these foreign profit centers in our great lake. The foreign company that wants to do this is Fred.Olsen Renewables. They intend to make money off our natural wind patterns. They want to sell the electricity to Cleveland Public Power at our expense. They do not care about the impact that this project has on us, or the the local ecosystem. They just want to make money.

I believe that there are a number of reasons that this project should not be approved.

- 1. Placing these unsightly turbines in the lake would have an impact on fish. They could disrupt natural areas that support perch, steelhead, and walley.
- 2. They could impact the migratory patterns of birds and local avian species such as bats and terns. They could have a negative effect on local birds like seagulls, barn swallows, and herons.
- 3. They could create noise pollution to boaters due to the constant "swishing" sound.
- 4. They have been banned in Canada
- 5. They are ugly. Who wants to look at an awesome Lake Erie sunset with a wind trurbine in it?
- 6. They create a huge navigational hazard to boaters. These turbines are proposed off a prime boating area in Lake Erie. There are 26,765 registered boaters in Cuyahoga county. They do not want to navigate around these obstructions during their relaxing day on the lake. I am boater that uses these waters every summer weekend. This project would impact multiple transits on the lake for me and my family.

Please do not approve the permit for this project.

Jim Herold

From: Tracy Sabetta [mailto:tsabetta@initiativeohio.com]

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Subject: Remarks re 16-1871- EL-BGN Icebreaker Windpower



November 8, 2017

## 16-1871- EL-BGN Icebreaker Windpower

Remarks in support of Icebreaker Offshore Wind Project:

Moms Clean Air Force in Ohio represents more than 45,000 parents and grandparents in the state who are concerned about the health of their children and grandchildren. Ohio moms and parents want reasonably priced energy options that do not put our children's health at risk. We know that through an increase in power generated by renewable sources and a continued commitment to energy efficiency programs, we can have the best of both worlds. Transitioning to a cleaner energy future will greatly improve the health of our community, and Icebreaker Wind can put us on the road to making that transition a reality.

As the first freshwater offshore wind farm in North America, and only the second offshore wind farm in the United States, Icebreaker Wind will put Northeast Ohio at the cutting edge of a clean, renewable offshore wind industry. When we invest in clean and sustainable energy sources, there is a corresponding reduction in harmful emissions, giving us all healthier air and reducing asthma and lung disease for our kids. With nearly 20,000 Cuyahoga County children living with asthma every day, it becomes increasingly more important to look for ways to protect their health.

The Cleveland area has had some of the nation's dirtiest air. According to the American Lung Association's 2017 State of the Air Report, the Cleveland metropolitan area earned a grade of F for high ozone days yet again this year. Even though the county has seen air quality improvements, there is still much work to be done. By producing zero emissions electricity - enough to power the equivalent of 7,000 homes in Northeast Ohio, Icebreaker will spark the transition to clean energy technologies that will reduce the pollution impacting climate change and our health.

Moms Clean Air Force in Ohio is pleased to be able to offer our support to the Icebreaker Wind project. As a community who cares about the health of Ohio children, we view the Icebreaker Wind project as an opportunity to move Northeast Ohio forward toward energy independence. Icebreaker Wind will

provide a model for future offshore wind projects in Lake Erie and throughout the Great Lakes. This is exactly the kind of innovation and initiative that will be necessary to ensure Ohio is a leader in clean energy development. It is exactly what we need to protect the health our kids.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sabetta, Ohio Field Director Moms Clean Air Force

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