

Public comment 16-1871-EL-BGN

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Good Afternoon Matt,

We at Great Lakes Wind Truth have been questioning the ownership and DOE monetary awards pertaining to Icebreaker Wind, Inc. for over a year now and still find conflicting information. Understanding that the OPSB has the application filing reflected in the letter below, we don't expect the OPSB to immediately give us a new or different answer to these questions. However, we feel that our questions are valid. Be sure, we are not making an accusation, but as stated in the letter to Liz Hartman, USDOE, below, it gives an appearance of intended confusion. We are hoping for the OPSB to look beyond the Icebreaker Wind, Inc. application and determine why conflicting information exists.

Please add these comments to the case public comments.

Kind Regards,

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Good Morning Ms. Hartman,

I appreciate your response to my email regarding a novation in this matter. However, I have further questions based on confusion regarding the ownership of the Icebreaker project.

On 2/1/2017 a new application for the Icebreaker project, now a for-profit business, was submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board. The application states on page 41:

**The relationship progressed to an agreement between LEEDCo and Fred. Olsen Renewables, whereby a) LEEDCo transferred the ownership of the proposed Facility, including all of the related assets, to the Applicant; and b) Fred. Olsen Renewables created two new Ohio companies, based in Cleveland, to finish the engineering and permitting; procure the turbines, foundations, electrical substation, and cable; install and commission the Facility; and own and operate the Facility.**

Based on this application, it should be clear that LEEDCo no longer has any ownership privileges. However, on the Icebreaker Wind, Inc. website, it is also clearly stated that LEEDCo and Olsen are "equity partners", with a large print header that says "LEEDCo + Fred.Olsen". **An equity partner implies joint ownership.**

This contradiction has the appearance of intended misguided information, and the purpose can be interpreted in various ways.

Has the DOE questioned or confirmed which of these two differing ownership announcements is accurate? If it is truly a solitary Fred.Olsen owned project, wouldn't the DOE require a novation to transfer our tax dollars to Olsen from LEEDCo? On the other hand, if the ownership information regarding "equity partners" is factual, then wouldn't this invalidate an application and require an investigation, especially before handing out any more money?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this inquiry,  
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