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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Barcy McNeal Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Administration/Docketing 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Trishe Wind Ohio, LLC, Case Nos. 13-197-EL-BGN, 16-1687-EL-BGA, 17-1099-EL-BGA

Dear Ms. McNeal:

This is a courtesy letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") to inform the Board that the ownership of Trishe Wind Ohio, LLC ("Trishe"), the successor to Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC, will change effective on or before August 31, 2018. With this change, Trishe will be indirectly owned and controlled by Grand River Wind, LLC ("Grand River"), a wholly owned subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation ("CMS Energy"). CMS Energy is a publicly traded company incorporated in Michigan. Grand River will be indirectly owned and controlled by CMS Enterprises Company, a Michigan corporation that is also a wholly owned subsidiary of CMS Energy and operates nonregulated generating facilities and related energy-trading operations.

Representatives of Grand River (on behalf of Trishe), including Peter Lundquist and Chuck Hookham, will be contacting the Board staff as construction of the first phase of the wind farm in Paulding County nears completion and begins operation.<sup>1</sup> Grand River and Trishe pledge to fulfill the terms and conditions in accordance with the Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC certificate, and to construct, maintain and operate the wind farm in conformity with the certificate, its terms, conditions and any modifications.

The transfer of assets, including the certificate, from Northwest Ohio Wind Energy, LLC, to Trishe was approved by the Board on November 24, 2014. However, because the pending transaction at the ownership level of Trishe is <u>not</u> a transfer of the certificate as contemplated by Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.04, no application for the transfer to Grand River is required. This

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Grand River's purchase of Trishe does not include the potential second phase of the Paulding County project.



letter is provided as a courtesy so that the Board will have current information on the personnel and entities involved with the project.

Contact information has been provided to the Ohio Power Siting Board and its staff.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this courtesy letter.

Sincerely,

## /s/ Christopher J. Allwein

## CJA/pie

cc: Mona Dajani, Baker and McKenzie Nasri Ashkar, Baker and McKenzie William J. Levendusky Adam C. Smith, CMSE This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

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Summary: Notification Change of Ownership electronically filed by Mr. Christopher J. Allwein on behalf of Trishe Wind Ohio, LLC