

**BEFORE THE
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind)
Energy LLC for a Certificate of Environmental) Case No: 09-479-EL-BGN
Compatibility and Public Need for the Hardin Wind)
Farm.)

**JOINT APPLICATION TO TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE FOR INTERCONNECTION SUBSTATION**

Hardin Wind Energy LLC (“Hardin Wind Energy”), an affiliate of Invenergy Wind Development LLC (“Invenergy”), is certified to construct the Hardin Wind Farm, a wind-powered electric generation facility to be located in Hardin County, Ohio. The Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”) issued an Opinion, Order, and Certificate (“Order” or “Certificate”) in Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN on March 22, 2010, adopting the stipulation and authorizing the Applicant to construct a 300 megawatt wind farm that would include up to 200 wind turbines, a transformer substation, an interconnection substation, an electric collection system, and associated facilities.

At this time, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) 4906.04, Hardin Wind Energy and AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) (collectively “Joint Applicants”) seek approval to transfer the Certificate, as to only the interconnection substation that was approved in the above-captioned case, from Hardin Wind Energy to AEP Ohio Transco. The Joint Applicants request that this Joint Application be heard at the next available Board meeting and that transfer of the Certificate be conditioned upon Board receipt of written notice from Hardin Wind Energy notifying the Board that final transfer of the interconnection substation to AEP Ohio Transco is complete.

As approved by the Board, the interconnection substation is located in the American Electric Power zone of the PJM Interconnection control area, and interconnects the wind farm to

the local and regional transmission grid via the East Lima-Marysville 345 kilovolt circuit (Order at 18). The interconnection substation is located in McDonald Township, Hardin County. Construction of the substation commenced in February 2018 and is expected to be completed in October 2018. The Joint Applicants are now proposing to transfer the Certificate, only to the extent it relates to the interconnection substation, from Hardin Wind Energy to AEP Ohio Transco.

The Joint Applicants acknowledge that the interconnection substation will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and remain subject to all the terms and conditions in the Certificate, as it may be amended from time to time. Furthermore, as required pursuant to R.C. 4906.04 and attested to by AEP Ohio Transco in Attachment A to this Joint Application, AEP Ohio Transco agrees to abide by any and all terms, conditions, and modifications of the Certificate.

In addition, Hardin Wind Energy has also sent a letter to all public officials explaining the nature of the transfer. An example of the notice and a list of those entities that received the letter are contained in Attachments B and C, respectively, to this Joint Application.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Applicants respectfully request that, pursuant to R.C. 4906.04, the Board approve the transfer of Certificate issued in this case, to the extent it relates to the interconnection substation, from Hardin Wind Energy to AEP Ohio Transco.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The Ohio Power Siting Board's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document on the parties referenced in the service list of the docket card who have electronically subscribed to this case. In addition, the undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing document is also being served upon the persons below via electronic mail this 9th day of August, 2018.

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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind Energy LLC for
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
for the Hardin Wind Farm; Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN
Joint Application to Transfer Certificate for Interconnection Substation**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

On March 22, 2010, the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”) granted a Certificate to Hardin Wind Energy LLC (“Hardin Wind Energy”) to construct the Hardin Wind Farm, a wind-powered electric generation facility to be located in Hardin County, Ohio. The wind farm includes up to 200 wind turbines, a transformer substation, an interconnection substation, an electric collection system, and associated facilities.

Hardin Wind Energy and AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) are requesting that the OPSB approve the transfer of the portion of the Certificate that relates to the interconnection substation from Hardin Wind Energy to AEP Ohio Transco. It is the intent of AEP Ohio Transco to adhere to any and all terms and conditions related to the interconnection substation in accordance with the OSPB Certificate issued to Hardin Wind Energy on March 22, 2010.

Thank you for considering this request, and please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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**Re: Notice of Joint Application to Transfer Certificate for Interconnection
Substation
Hardin Wind Energy / AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
OPSB Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN**

Dear Public Official:

On March 22, 2010, Hardin Wind Energy LLC (“Hardin Wind Energy”) was granted a Certificate to construct the Hardin Wind Farm, a wind-powered electric generation facility to be located in Hardin County, Ohio. The wind farm includes up to 200 wind turbines, a transformer substation, an interconnection substation, an electric collection system, and associated facilities. Construction of the interconnection substation is anticipated to be complete in October 2018.

At this time, Hardin Wind Energy and AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) are requesting that the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”) approve the transfer of the portion of the Certificate that relates to the interconnection substation from Hardin Wind Energy to AEP Ohio Transco. Upon approval by the OPSB, AEP Ohio Transco will be assigned the ownership and operation of the interconnection substation. A copy of the application is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabe Klooster at (312) 638-8478.

Regards,

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Enclosure

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