

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
<b>Icebreaker Windpower, Inc.</b> for a	:	
certificate to construct a windpowered	:	Case No. <b>16-1871-EL-BGN</b>
electric generation facility in Cuyahoga	:	
County, Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
RAYMOND W. STROM**

SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION  
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT  
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE  
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_\_**

**September 18, 2018**

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Raymond W. Strom. My business address is 180 East Broad  
3 Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.  
4

5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as the  
7 Chief of the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy Division of the Rates  
8 and Analysis Department.  
9

10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background.

11 A. I have earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Ohio University, both in the  
12 biological/environmental sciences. I have also earned a Master of Business  
13 Administration from Capital University.  
14

15 4. Q. Please summarize your work experience.

16 A. Prior to my employment with the PUCO, I was employed as a chemist, a  
17 laboratory technician, a graduate teaching assistance, a research technician  
18 and a quality control coordinator for various organizations. In 1987, I joined  
19 the Staff of the PUCO as Supervisor of the Electric Fuel Component Section.  
20 In 1992, I was promoted to Public Utility Administrator 1. Starting in 1999,  
21 I served as a Public Utility Administrator 2 in the Facilities, Siting and  
22 Environmental Analysis Division. In October of 2009 I was promoted to

1 Chief of the Efficiency and Renewables Division. In late 2014, I began  
2 serving as Chief of the newly formed Siting, Efficiency and Renewable  
3 Energy Division.  
4

5 5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board  
6 (OPSB)?

7 A. Yes. I have testified in many cases before the OPSB and PUCO.  
8

9 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

10 A. With my testimony, I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of  
11 Investigation (Staff Report) pertaining to whether the Applicant has provided  
12 information demonstrating the nature of the probable environmental impact  
13 of the project. Specifically, I am sponsoring the Economics section beginning  
14 on page 18 of the Staff Report, which discusses the financial aspects and  
15 economic impacts of the project.  
16

17 7. Q. Please discuss the analysis you undertook for this project and the conclusion  
18 you reached.

19 A. I reviewed the information presented by the Applicant in its application, and  
20 verified the information by consulting publicly available documents and by  
21 issuing data requests to the Applicant. I also compared the information  
22 presented by the Applicant to similar information provided in prior wind

1 facility applications that have been submitted to the OPSB. Based on my  
2 review, I believe that the Applicant provided a reasonable estimate of the  
3 positive economic impacts that could be anticipated to result from  
4 construction and operation of the proposed facility.

5  
6 8. Q. Were you responsible for any specific conditions in the Staff Report?

7 A. No.

8  
9 9. Q. Does the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation filed in this proceeding  
10 impact any part of the Staff Report that you are supporting in your testimony?

11 A. No.

12  
13 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

14 A. Yes it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony  
15 as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or  
16 in response to positions taken by other parties.

## PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Raymond W. Strom, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail upon the below parties.

/s/John H. Jones

**John H. Jones**

Assistant Attorney General

### Parties of Record:

John F. Stock  
Orla E. Collier  
Emily V. Danford  
Benesch, Friedlander,  
Coplan & Aronoff LLP  
41 S. High St., 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
[jstock@beneschlaw.com](mailto:jstock@beneschlaw.com)  
[ocollier@beneschlaw.com](mailto:ocollier@beneschlaw.com)  
[edanford@beneschlaw.com](mailto:edanford@beneschlaw.com)

Paul T. Berkowitz  
Paul T. Berkowitz & Associates, Ltd.  
1909 Arlington Gate Lane  
Columbus, Ohio 43228  
[paul@ptblaw.com](mailto:paul@ptblaw.com)

Miranda Leppla  
Trent Dougherty  
Ohio Environmental Council  
1145 Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 1  
Columbus, Ohio 43212  
[mleppla@theoec.org](mailto:mleppla@theoec.org)  
[tdougherty@theoec.org](mailto:tdougherty@theoec.org)

Michael J. Settineri  
Gretchen L. Petrucci  
Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP  
52 East Gay Street  
P.O. Box 1008  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1008  
[mjsettineri@vorys.com](mailto:mjsettineri@vorys.com)  
[glpetrucci@vorys.com](mailto:glpetrucci@vorys.com)

Christine M.T. Pirik  
Terrence O'Donnell  
William Vorys  
Jonathan R. Secrest  
Dickinson Wright  
150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400  
Columbus, OH 43215  
[cpirik@dickinsonwright.com](mailto:cpirik@dickinsonwright.com)  
[todonnell@dickinsonwright.com](mailto:todonnell@dickinsonwright.com)  
[wvorys@dickinsonwright.com](mailto:wvorys@dickinsonwright.com)  
[jsecrest@dickinsonwright.com](mailto:jsecrest@dickinsonwright.com)

**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities**

**Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on**

**9/18/2018 4:38:29 PM**

**in**

**Case No(s). 16-1871-EL-BGN**

Summary: Testimony of Raymond Strom electronically filed by Ms. Tonnetta Scott on behalf of PUC