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Subject: OPSB Case No. 16-1871-EL-BGN Please approve the Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. Joint Stipulation and Recommendation

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board OPSB,

Dear Chairman Haque and members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

As an Ohioan, I care deeply about how we generate energy for our state because the type of energy we choose to generate has a direct impact on me and my family's health, and on the overall well-being of our environment. That is why I ask you to approve the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation signed by Icebreaker, the Ohio Environmental Council, Sierra Club, the Business Network for Offshore Wind, and the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters.

Project Icebreaker is an innovative effort to provide Ohio with more clean energy and reduce our heavy reliance on fossil fuels. Approximately 60% of Ohio's power comes from coal, and Project Icebreaker will bring an emission-free source of power to Ohio's energy portfolio, reducing carbon dioxide and other harmful air pollution. While Project Icebreaker is only a small project, it must move forward in order to determine what possibilities exist for Ohio to become a leader in offshore wind, ensuring our children and grandchildren have clean air to breathe and a healthy lake, free from chemicals and pollutants resulting from continued use of fossil fuels.

Cuyahoga County's commitment to purchase electricity from Project Icebreaker not only transitions the community to clean energy sources, ensuring cleaner air for the most vulnerable populations, but will create new job opportunities across a region where they are desperately needed. The City of Cleveland also recently became the first city in Ohio, joining 80 other U.S. cities, in pledging to transition to 100% renewable power by 2050. Project Icebreaker will help them achieve that goal.

LEEDCo and Fred Olsen Renewables have carefully considered Ohio's need for clean energy sources to help combat air pollution and climate change with the need to protect Lake Erie's water, fisheries and migratory birds. The groups have done numerous studies to ensure the location of the turbines minimizes impacts on fish and wildlife, and Project Icebreaker has forged important partnerships with local universities and research firms to create a world class research center. The center will study the actual impacts of the six turbine offshore freshwater wind farm on fish, birds, and bats to deepen our knowledge to ensure any future development is done as safely as possible.

As an Ohioan, I appreciate the Board's thorough review of the Project Icebreaker proposal, and hope that the Board will strike the right balance between ensuring protection of our birds, bats, aquatic life and our precious Lake Erie, while ensuring this pilot project is able to move forward. The data and information this six turbine project will collect is vital to moving Ohio forward into a clean energy future.

Please approve the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation, and make Ohio a leader in innovative clean energy solutions!

Sincerely,
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