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THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
PAULDING WIND FARM IV LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO Case No. 18-1293-EL-BGN
CONSTRUCT A TRANSMISSION LINE
IN PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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PUBLIC HEARING

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1 Tuesday Evening Session

2 March 5, 2019

3 6:29 p.m.

4 THE COURT: The Ohio power

5 Siting Power Board has assigned for public
6 hearing at this time and place Case No.
7 18-1293-EL-BTX, which is captioned In the
8 Matter of the Application of Paulding Wind
9 Farm IV for Certificate of Environmental
10 Compatibility and Public Need to Construct
11 a Transmission Line in Paulding County,
12 Ohio.

13 Good evening, my name is Lauren
14 Augustini, and I am the Administrative Law
15 Judge assigned by the Ohio Power Siting
16 Board to preside over this local public
17 hearing. Also with me today is Megan
18 Addison, an Administrative Law Judge with
19 the Ohio Power Siting Board, and Mr. Grant
20 Zeto and Mr. Matt Butler from the Ohio
21 Power Siting Board staff. We will be
22 available if you have any questions
23 concerning the application or any other
24 general questions you may have. Please
25 feel free to approach us at the completion

1 of this evening's hearing.

2 At this time I'm going to take formal
3 appearances on behalf of the parties in
4 this particular case.

5 On behalf of the Applicant?

6 MS. PIRIK: Thank you, Your
7 Honor. On behalf of the Applicant,
8 Paulding Wind Farm IV, LLC, the law firm of
9 Dickinson Wright, Christine Pirik, Terrence
10 O'Donnell and Will Vorys, 150 East Gay
11 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 MR. ARNOLD: Thank you, Your
14 Honor. My name is Dale Arnold, I'm
15 director of energy, utility and local
16 government policy with the Ohio Farm
17 Bureau, 280 North High Street, Columbus,
18 Ohio.

19 THE COURT: Thank you. And
20 were there any other parties?

21 There being none, the subject matter
22 of this evening's public hearing is the
23 application filed by Paulding Wind Farm IV
24 on October 17th, 2018, to construct a
25 138-kilovolt transmission line to be

1 located in Benton Township, Paulding
2 County, Ohio.

3 This public hearing is only one aspect
4 of the process for this case. I would note
5 that the adjudicatory hearing for this
6 proceeding is scheduled to take place later
7 this month at the offices of the Ohio Power
8 Siting Board, which is in Columbus, Ohio.

9 In this case the Applicant submits
10 that the purpose of the transmission line
11 is to support the Timber Road IV Wind Farm
12 certified in Case No. 18-91-EL-BGN. The
13 proposed transmission line will run from
14 the Timber Road IV Wind Farm substation to
15 the existing Timber Road III generation
16 lead line. The transmission line will be
17 approximately 2.89 miles long.

18 According to the application, land use
19 and proximity to the proposed facility is
20 predominantly agricultural. Temporary
21 disturbances to agricultural land usage,
22 excuse me, uses would amount to
23 approximately 18 acres for the preferred
24 route and 40 acres for the alternative
25 route. The Applicant avers that's less

1 than a tenth of an acre of agricultural
2 land is expected to be permanently
3 converted to transmission line use. The
4 Applicant plans to immediately begin
5 construction following the issuance of the
6 Certificate and will be completed within
7 approximately six months, around
8 October 2019.

9 The purpose of this evening's public
10 hearing is to receive comments from the
11 public regarding Paulding's application in
12 this case. It is not intended to be a
13 question and answer session, but instead it
14 is your opportunity to let the Ohio Power
15 Siting Board know what you think about the
16 proposal set forth in the application.

17 I would also note that the Board's
18 staff filed its report of investigation on
19 February 15th, 2019. This is simply a
20 recommendation of the Board's staff and
21 does not necessarily reflect what the
22 Board's final determination will be in this
23 case.

24 Tonight's hearing is being transcribed
25 by a court reporter. If you plan to

1 testify please speak clearly so that the
2 court reporter can accurately reflect your
3 comments on the record. Also, if you've
4 prepared a written statement it would be
5 helpful to provide a copy of that to the
6 court reporter as well.

7 When you arrived you were offered the
8 opportunity to sign up to testify by Mr.
9 Zeto and Mr. Butler. After I finish with
10 my introduction I will begin calling
11 witnesses forward that have signed the
12 sign-up sheet and ask you to come to the
13 table and face the court reporter.

14 Before you present your testimony I
15 will ask that you make an oath or
16 affirmation that what you've said is the
17 truth. I will also ask you to state your
18 name and your address. Your testimony will
19 be considered part of the official record
20 in this case and it will be reviewed by the
21 Board before they make their final decision
22 on the application. Should you decide that
23 you do not want to testify when I call your
24 name, you can merely pass to the next
25 witness. Also, once you finish testifying,

1 or if you are just here to observe, you may
2 leave at any time you wish or stay until
3 the conclusion of the hearing.

4 The Board appreciates your
5 participation in tonight's hearing and we
6 want everyone who wishes to make a public
7 statement to have the opportunity to do so.
8 As this time I will begin calling witnesses
9 forward.

10 We can go off the record.

11 (WHEREUPON, a break was taken
12 off the record.)

13 THE COURT: Are there any
14 witnesses to testify? Okay.

15 Let the record reflect that there is
16 no one present who wishes to testify in
17 this proceeding. Therefore, this public
18 hearing is concluded and we are adjourned.
19 Thank you.

20 (WHEREUPON, the hearing
21 concluded at 6:36 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF LUCAS : C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

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4 I, KRISTIE L. BIRCH, Notary Public in and for
5 the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do
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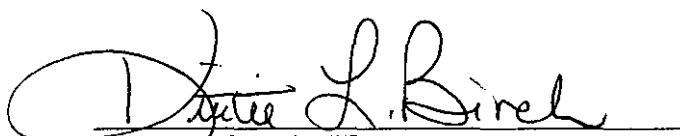
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14 I do further certify that I am not, nor is the
15 court reporting firm with which I am affiliated, under a
16 contract as defined in Civil Rule 28 (D).

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
18 and affixed my seal of office at Toledo, Ohio, on this 7th
19 day of March, 2019.

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KRISTIE L. BIRCH
Notary Public in and for the
State of Ohio.

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24 My Commission Expires: September 30, 2020.

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