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Via Electronic Filing

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

**Re: Republic Wind, LLC,
OPSB Case No. 17-2295-EL-BGN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

I am attaching for filing in the above-referenced matter, the proofs of publication attesting to the publication of the Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility (Wind Farm). The notice was published in the following newspapers:

Seneca County - *The Advertiser-Tribune* on March 23, 2019
Sandusky County - *The News-Messenger* on March 22, 2019

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Devin D. Parram

Attachments

Cc: Parties of Record (w/Attachments)

The Advertiser-Tribune

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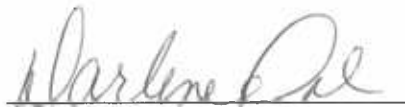
State of Ohio)
County of Seneca) ss:

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared Michelle Steinmetz, Advertising Manager, of Ogden News Publishing of Ohio, Inc. and made solemn oath that Bricker & Eckler LLP published a display ad 1 time(s) in The Advertiser-Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, in the county aforesaid on the 23rd day of March, 2019.



Michelle Steinmetz, Advertising Manager

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,
this 23rd day of March, 2019.



Notary Public *Darlene Oke*

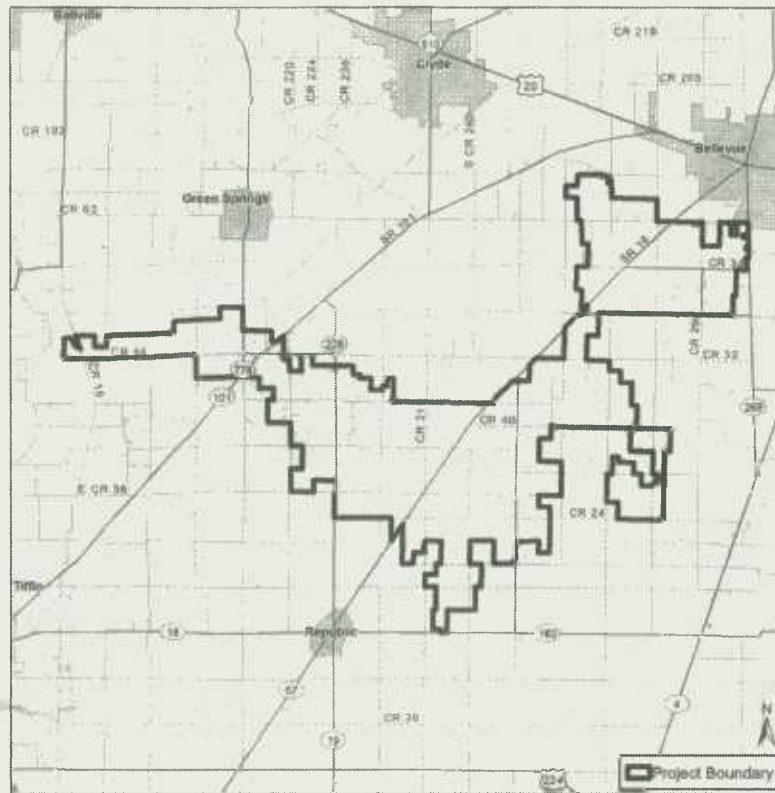
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FACILITY DESCRIPTION

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LOCATION AND GENERAL LAYOUT

The general location and planned project layout of Republic Wind Farm is shown on the map below:



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PUBLIC OFFICIALS SERVED WITH COPIES OF THE APPLICATION

The following public officials were served with a copy of the Amended Application: Dave Carrothers, Bret Cleveland, Bill Frankart, Adams Township Trustees; Douglas Stacy, William Biller, David Kingsborough, Pleasant Township Trustees; Charles Miller, Gerald Miller, David Wright, Reed Township Trustees; Brad Bowerman, Jason Burkholder, Rodney Miller, Scipio Township Trustees; David Ziegler, Steven Swartz, Troy Warner, Thompson Township Trustees; Holly Stacy, Mike Kerschner, Shayne Thomas, Seneca County Commissioners; Mark Zimmerman, Seneca County Engineer; Joe Steyer, President of the Seneca Soil & Water Conservation District; Holly Stacy, Board President of Seneca Regional Planning Commission; Douglas Keegan, Norman Patten, Howard Watson, York Township Trustees; Sandusky County Commissioners in c/o Theresa Garcia, County Administrator; James R. Moyer, Sandusky County Engineer; and Chairman Dave Warner, Sandusky County Soil & Water. A copy of the Amended Application is also available for public inspection at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, 77 Jefferson Street, Tiffin, Ohio 44883 and the

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4906.07

Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Power Siting Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable. The public hearing for this case shall consist of two parts:

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person. The local public hearing date is **Tuesday, May 14, 2019** starting at **5:00 p.m.** and continuing until **9:30 p.m.**, at Bellevue High School, 200 Oakland Avenue, Bellevue, Ohio 44811.; and,
- (2) The date for the adjudicatory hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, June 3, 2019** at **10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 11th Floor Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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Advertiser:

BRICKER & ECKLER – FREMONT
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COLUMBUS, OH 43215

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Newspaper: MCO-Fre-Fremont News Messenger

**LEGAL NOTICE
ATTACHED**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

RE: Order #: 0001240407

**Account#: MCO-0000000890
Total Amount of Claim: \$1,065.68**

I, _____, Sales Assistant for the above-mentioned newspaper, hereby
certify that the attached advertisement appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:

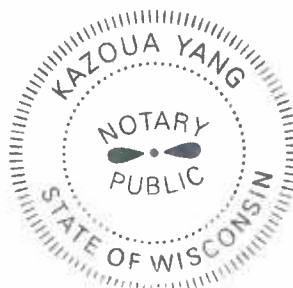
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Subscribed and sworn to me this 3 day of 26, 2019

Kazoua Yang
Notary Public

11/9/22
Notary Expires



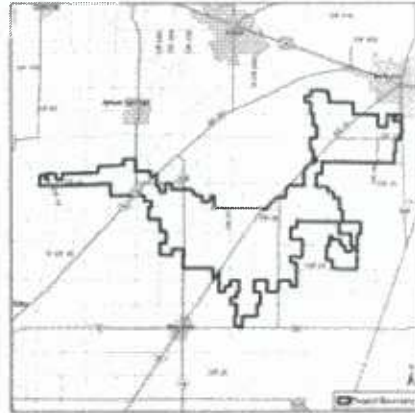
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Summary: Proof of Pub of Republic Wind, LLC for the First Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility (Wind Farm) electronically filed by Teresa Orahod on behalf of Devin D. Parram