

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
BLACK FORK WIND ENERGY, LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE TO SITE A WIND-POWERED
ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN
CRAWFORD AND RICHLAND COUNTIES,
OHIO.**

CASE No. 10-2865-EL-BGN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
BLACK FORK WIND ENERGY, LLC
REGARDING ITS CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED ISSUED IN CASE No. 10-
2865-EL-BGN.**

CASE No. 14-1591-EL-BGA

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BLACK FORK WIND ENERGY, LLC
REGARDING ITS CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED ISSUED IN CASE No. 10-
2865-EL-BGN.**

CASE No. 17-1148-EL-BGA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
BLACK FORK WIND ENERGY, LLC
REGARDING ITS CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED ISSUED IN CASE No. 10-
2865-EL-BGN.**

CASE No. 18-1346-EL-BGA

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 20, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Ohio Power Siting Board grants the request to relinquish the certificate as well as the request to withdraw a pending application filed by Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

{¶ 2} Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC (Black Fork) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).

{¶ 4} On January 23, 2012, the Board granted the application of Black Fork for a certificate to construct a wind-powered electric generation facility located in Crawford and Richland counties, Ohio (Black Fork wind project). *In re Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC*, Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN (*Black Fork Certificate Case*), Opinion, Order, and Certificate (Jan. 23, 2012).

{¶ 5} On September 12, 2014, in Case No. 14-1591-EL-BGA, Black Fork filed an application seeking to utilize two additional turbine models, the Vestas V110 turbine and the GE 2.3-107 turbine for this project. The Board approved that application on August 27, 2015, over the objections of certain intervening parties. *See, In re Application of Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC*, Case No. 14-1591-EL-BGA (14-1591), Order on Certificate (Aug. 27, 2015).

{¶ 6} Additionally, on March 24, 2016, in the *Black Fork Certificate Case*, the Board approved Black Fork's September 12, 2014 motion to extend the term of the certificate from January 23, 2017 to January 23, 2019. Certain intervening parties appealed the Board's approval of the motion to extend the term of the certificate to the Ohio Supreme Court.

{¶ 7} By Order on Certificate (Order) issued December 7, 2017, the Board granted the application filed by Black Fork, in Case No. 17-1148-EL-BGA, seeking a capacity increase to use the Vestas V110 turbine model with a 2.2 megawatt (MW) capacity and an extension of its certificate to January 23, 2020. The Order approving a capacity increase and an extension of the certificate to January 23, 2020, has been appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court.

{¶ 8} On October 15, 2018, Black Fork filed an application seeking Board approval to use the Siemens G132 turbine model with a 3.55 MW capacity for the Black Fork wind project. This application is currently pending before the Board.

{¶ 9} On May 16, 2019, Black Fork filed notice that it was relinquishing its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need issued in Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN as modified by Case Nos. 14-1591-EL-BGA and 17-1148-EL-BGA. Black Fork also seeks to withdraw the application currently pending in Case No. 18-1346-EL-BGA.

{¶ 10} Upon consideration, the Board grants the request to relinquish the certificate issued in Case No. 10-2865-EL-BGN, as modified by Case Nos. 14-1591-EL-BGA and 17-1148-EL-BGA, as well as the request to withdraw the application currently pending in Case No. 18-1346-EL-BGA.

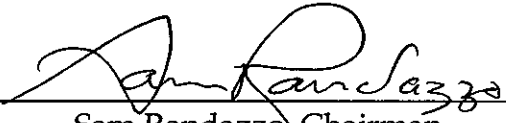
III. ORDER

{¶ 11} It is, therefore,


{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the notice of relinquishment and withdrawal filed by Black Fork Wind Energy, LLC be granted in accordance with Paragraph 10. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons of record in this matter.

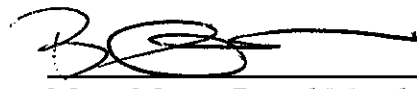
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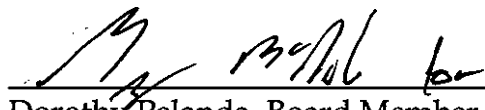


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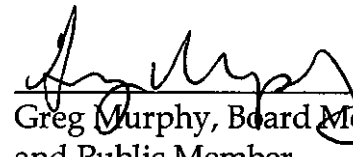
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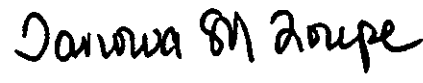


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