#### BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the Application of Republic Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a Wind-Powered Electric Generating Facility in Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Ohio

Case No. 17-2295-EL-BGN

### PREFILED TESTIMONY OF

# **Matthew Butler**

## SITING, EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF RATES AND ANALYSIS OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF

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October 28, 2019

1	1.	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
2		A.	My name is Matt Butler, and my business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3			6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
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5	2.	Q.	By whom are you employed and what is your position?
6		А.	I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as an
7			Administrative Officer 2 in the Siting, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy
8			Division of the Rates and Analysis Department. I am assigned to work on
9			power siting issues in a public affairs capacity. Part of this role is to prepare
10			sections of OPSB staff reports.
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12	3.	Q.	Please summarize your educational background and work experience.
13		A.	I received a B.A. degree, History, from The Ohio State University. I have
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14			been employed by the PUCO since 2000 in several roles in the Office of
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1	6.	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
2		A.	I authored portions of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report).
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4	7.	Q.	Are you testifying to any specific conditions in the Staff Report? If so,
5			which ones?
6		A.	Yes, conditions 11 through 15.
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8	8.	Q.	Does this conclude your testimony?
9		A.	Yes.

#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Matthew Butler, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

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