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BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Republic)
Wind, LLC for a Certificate to Site Wind)
Powered Electric Generating Facilities in) Case No. 17-2295-EL-BGN
Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Ohio)

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF AARON BOES ON
BEHALF OF THE LOCAL RESIDENT INTERVENORS**

Q.1. Please state your name and home address.

A.1. Aaron Boes, 1657 County Road 27, Republic, OH 44867.

Q.2. On whose behalf are you offering testimony in this case?

A.2. I am offering testimony on behalf of Intervenors Joseph & Diane Anderson, Denise Bell, Aaron & Carrie Boes, Richard & Linda Bollenbacher, Rob & Mary Chappell, Thomas & Kathleen Fries, Leslie & Dennis Hackenburg, Jeffrey & DeeAnne Hamilton, Allen & Mary Hassellbach, Duane & Deb Hay, Ethan & Crystal Hoepf, Gary & Dawn Hoepf, Jason & Michelle Hoepf, Taylor Hoepf, David P. Hoover, Jeffrey A. Hoover, Kenneth & Debra Hossler, Greg & Laura Jess, Mike & Tiffany Kessler, Leonard & Beverly Kubitz, Gary & Michelle Miller, Steven & Kelley Miller, Kim Mitchell, Charles & Linda Morsher, Patricia Motry, Steven & Linda Mulligan, Doug & Jennifer Myers, Linda Niederkohr, Kevin & Jennifer Oney, Nicholas & Michelle Reiter, Tom & Lori Scheele, Elaine Schultz, James & Victoria Seliga, Eugene & JoAnn Smith, James & Elaine Steinmetz, Herman & Patricia Studer, Christine Vogt, Mark Weber & Cindra Riley, Charles & Rhonda Weyer, Ann Wright, and Chris & Danielle Zeman (together, the “Local Residents”).

1 **Q.3. Where do you and your family live in relation to the turbine sites planned for the**
2 **Republic Wind facility?**

3 A.3. My wife, five children, and I live on a parcel of about 27 acres along the east side of
4 County Road 27 between Township Road 124 and County Road 24 in Reed Township,
5 Seneca County. According to Republic Wind’s application, our home and property are
6 located near a number of turbine sites. The attached Exhibit A is a map showing the
7 location of our property within the rose-colored lines, with yellow lines drawn between
8 our property and proposed Republic Wind turbine sites. The seventeen nearest proposed
9 turbine sites are shown as “+” symbols in red circles. The distance in feet between each
10 of these turbines and our property is shown next to each of these turbine sites.

11 **Q.4. What, if any, outdoor activities do you commonly enjoy at your property?**

12 A.4. My family and I like to hold social events in our yard, including family reunions. We
13 swim in our pond. My daughters’ cross-country running teams hold training events there
14 about three times per year. Sometimes we camp outside. We have put up bird feeders
15 and watch the birds. We walk in the woods.

16 **Q.5. Have you seen any bats on your property?**

17 Q.5. Yes. I see bats there regularly during warm weather months.

18 **Q.6. Have you seen any Bald Eagles in or near the Project Area for the Republic Wind**
19 **project?**

20 A.6. Yes.

21 **Q.7. Where have you seen these Bald Eagles?**

22 A.7. For the last three years approximately, I have seen a mature Bald Eagle perched on trees
23 near a pond on an average of about four times a week, except during the winter months

1 with shorter daylight hours. (I leave for work before daylight and return during darkness
2 during that winter period.) I have made these eagle sightings from my property. By my
3 reference to a “mature” Bald Eagle, I am referring to an eagle with a white head, while an
4 “immature” eagle is one with a brown head. The locations of this perched eagle are not
5 far from the intersection of County Road 27 and Township Road 124, to the southwest of
6 my house. On Exhibit B attached hereto, I have marked the locations of these eagle
7 sightings with a handwritten circle on a copy of Figure 2 of Exhibit E of Republic Wind’s
8 application dated December 26, 2018.

9 In addition, I have often seen flying mature and immature Bald Eagles in all
10 directions from my house during approximately the last eight years, except during the
11 winter months with shorter daylight hours. I have marked the area in which I have seen
12 these eagles with a handwritten circle on Exhibit B. This is the largest handwritten circle
13 I put on Exhibit B.

14 About once per week in warm weather months, I also have seen mature and
15 immature Bald Eagles sitting in a field or flying above that field on the other side of
16 County 27 to the west of my house. I have placed a handwritten circle in this area on
17 Exhibit B.

18 On one occasion this fall, I saw a mature Bald Eagle near the intersection of
19 County Road 24 and Township Road 77. On an occasion in summer of 2019, I saw a
20 mature Bald Eagle southwest of the intersection of County Road 27 and Township Road
21 138. While searching for two lost dogs around April 2019, I saw two mature Bald Eagles
22 near County Road 38 and County Road 27. On an occasion this fall, I saw a mature Bald

1 Eagle northwest of the intersection of County Road 24 and Township Road 183. I have
2 marked these five locations with “X”s on Exhibit B.

3 In an area to the southeast of the intersection of County Road 27 and County
4 Road 46, I have for about the last seven to eight years seen a rough average of two Bald
5 Eagles per week flying there except during the winter months with shorter daylight hours.
6 I have marked this location with a handwritten circle on Exhibit B. Most of these eagles
7 were mature adults.

8 I also have seen mature Bald Eagles about a dozen times in the vicinity of a nature
9 preserve north of my house, which is marked with a handwritten circle on Exhibit B.

10 I also have seen Bald Eagles in other areas near my property an estimated 50
11 times during approximately the last eight years, but do not recall the exact locations.
12 Most of these Bald Eagles were mature eagles.

13 **Q.8. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

14 A.8. Yes.

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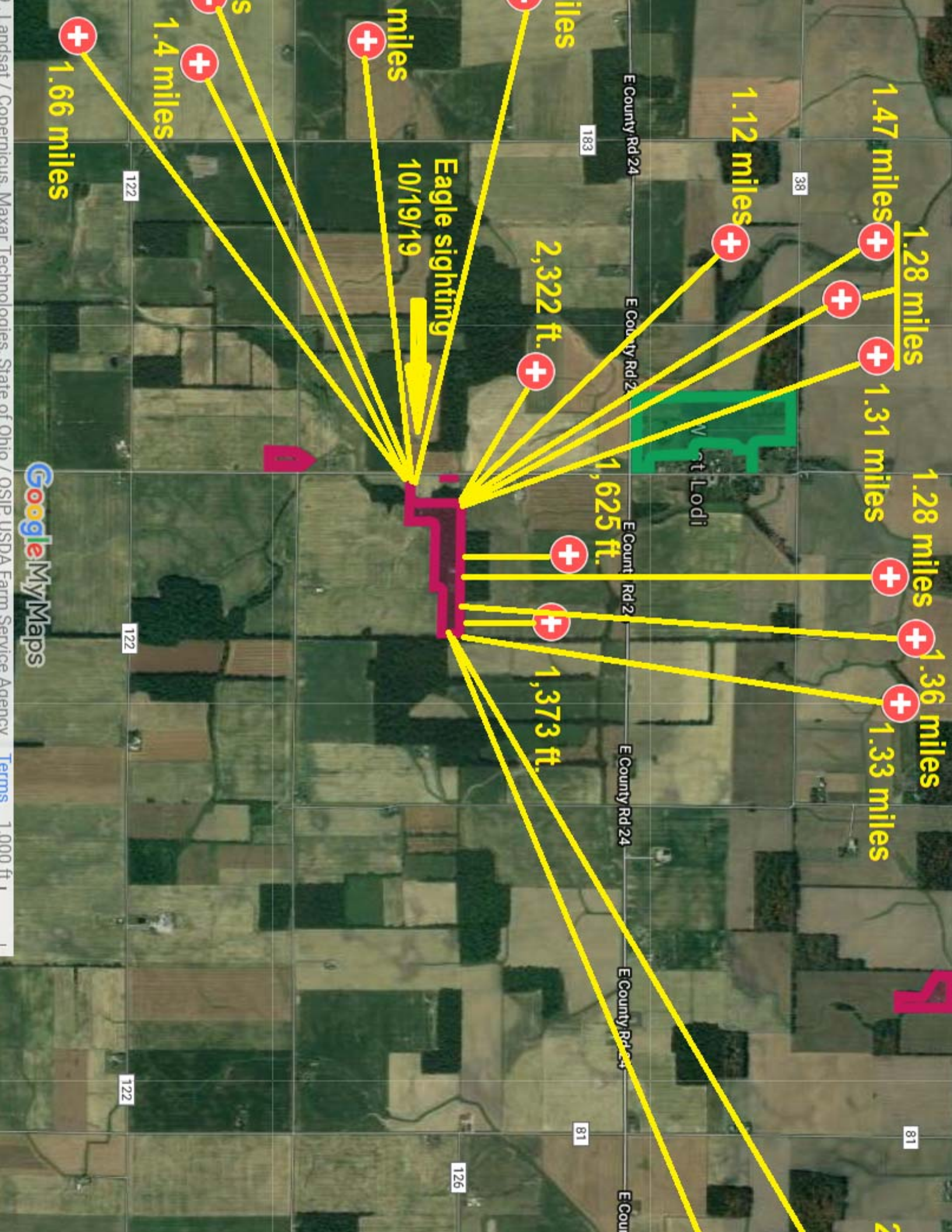
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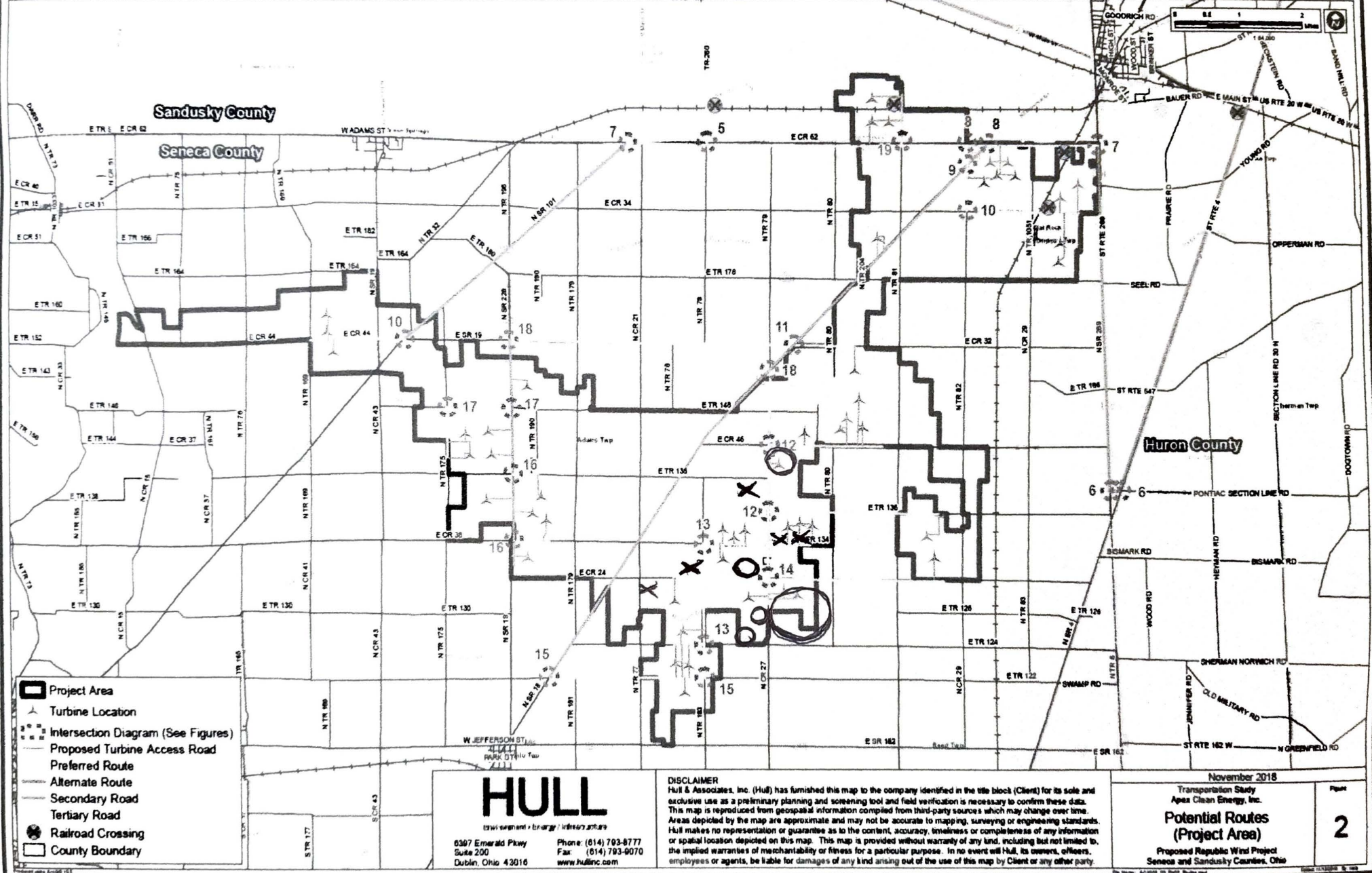
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EXHIBIT A



Eagle sighting
10/19/19

EXHIBIT B



- Project Area
- Turbine Location
- Intersection Diagram (See Figures)
- Proposed Turbine Access Road
- Preferred Route
- Alternate Route
- Secondary Road
- Tertiary Road
- Railroad Crossing
- County Boundary

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**Potential Routes
 (Project Area)**

Proposed Republic Wind Project
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