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Via Electronic Filing

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

**Re: Republic Wind, LLC,
OPSB Case No. 19-1066-EL-BTX**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

I am attaching for filing in the above-referenced matter, the proof of publication attesting to the publication of the Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility. The notice was published in *The Advertiser-Tribune* on December 21, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Devin D. Parram

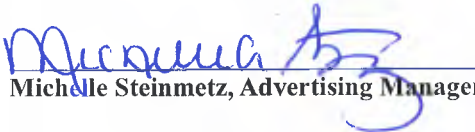
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State of Ohio)
County of Seneca) ss:

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 and Eckler LLC published an ad 1 time(s) in **The Advertiser-Tribune**, a newspaper of general circulation, in the county aforesaid on the 21st day of December, 2019.


Michelle Steinmetz, Advertising Manager

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,
this 21s day of December, 2019.


Notary Public
Dec. 19, 2021

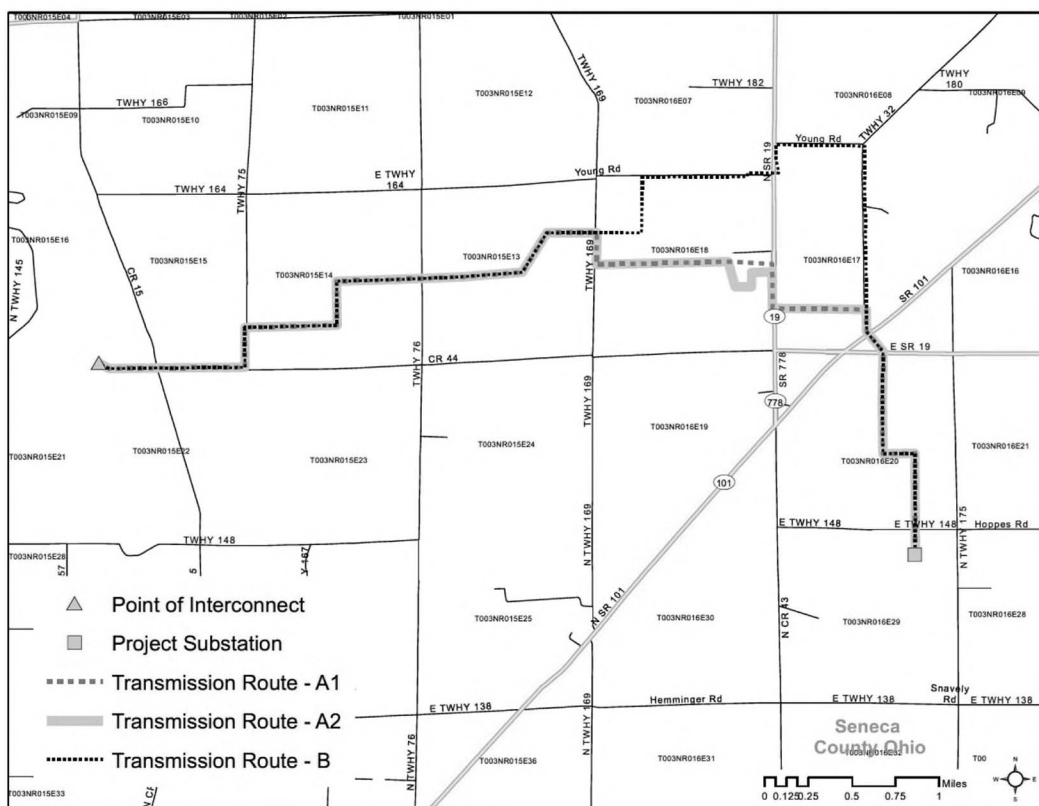
Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Republic Wind, LLC filed an application on August 27, 2019 for authority to develop, build, and operate the 138 kV Republic Wind Transmission Line (“Transmission Line”), an approximately 7-8 mile line to be located in Adams and Pleasant Townships, Seneca County, Ohio. The project will also include a point of interconnection (“POI”) substation adjacent to the existing Fremont Center – Tiffin Center 138 kV transmission line. The proposed transmission line will be constructed to connect to the Republic Wind electric generation project to the electric grid.

LOCATION AND GENERAL LAYOUT

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



APPLICATION NOW PENDING

Republic’s Application is pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. The assigned docket number for the Application is Case No. 19-1066-EL-BTX, and copies of all filings in the case can be located at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at (<http://www.opsb.ohio.gov>) by scrolling down to “Pending Cases” and selecting the case by name or docket number. To view the filings, click the case number for the case record.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS SERVED WITH COPIES OF THE APPLICATION

The following public officials were served with a copy of the Application: Dave Carrothers, Bret Cleveland, Bill Frankart, Adams Township Trustees; Douglas Stacy, William Biller, David Kingsborough, Pleasant 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; and Charlene Watkins, Executive Director of Seneca Regional Planning Commission. A copy of the Application is also available for public inspection at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, 77 Jefferson Street, Tiffin, Ohio 44883.

OHIO POWER SITING BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10(A) the Ohio Power Siting Board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Board, unless it finds and determines all of the following: (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline; (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact; (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations; (4) In the case of an electric transmission line, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the Board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under Section 4561.341 of the Revised Code; (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility; rules adopted to evaluate impact under Division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site; and (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

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 February 26, 2020 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Tiffin University, Osceola Theater (within the Gillmor Student Center), 155 Miami Street, Tiffin, Ohio 44883 and,

(2) The date for the adjudicatory hearing has been scheduled for March 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 11th Floor Hearing Room 11-D, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

STATEMENT OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4906.08(C)

The Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the Board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing are due not later than February 12, 2020. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 19-1066-EL-BTX.

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