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Subject: OPSB Case No. 16-1871-EL-BGN | Please approve the Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. Joint Stipulation and Recommendation

Dear Chairman Randazzo and members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

Ohio has the opportunity to approve an innovative approach to clean energy with the proposed Icebreaker Wind project, a six turbine project that would bring clean renewable energy to Ohioans from the shores of Lake Erie. I write to you today to ask you to approve the Revised Joint Stipulation and Recommendation signed by Icebreaker, the Ohio Environmental Council, Sierra Club, the Business Network for Offshore Wind, and the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters in the Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. case before the Ohio Power Siting Board. Project Icebreaker provides a new solution to ensuring cleaner generation comes right from our backyard in Ohio.

This innovative project will help Ohio reduce our heavy reliance on fossil fuels. As the sixth largest emitter in the U.S., Project Icebreaker will bring an emissions-free source of power to Ohio's energy portfolio, reducing carbon dioxide and other harmful air pollution. Approving this small but impactful project will also make Ohio a leader in offshore wind. We must take steps to ensure our children and grandchildren have clean air to breathe and a healthy lake, free from chemicals and pollutants resulting from continued use of fossil fuels. The COVID-19 pandemic has proven that there has never been a more necessary time to make clean air a priority.

Cuyahoga County's commitment to purchase electricity from Project Icebreaker will ensure cleaner air for everyone, including the most vulnerable populations. The project will also create new job opportunities across the region. Project Icebreaker will help the City of Cleveland achieve its commitment to go 100% renewable by 2050, joining cities across the country who are realizing the economic and health benefits of moving to renewable energy sources.

This project has been considered, studied and planned for over a decade. LEEDCo and Fred Olsen Renewables have carefully balanced Ohio's need for clean energy sources to combat air pollution and fight climate change with the protection of Lake Erie, its waters, fisheries and migratory birds. Extensive studies have been undertaken to ensure the location of each of the six turbines minimizes impacts to fish and wildlife. The partnerships that Project Icebreaker has forged with local universities and research firms will result in a world class research center to continue these studies.

The Board's thorough review of the Project Icebreaker proposal has shown that this project finds the

right balance between our need to ensure protection of our birds, bats, aquatic life and our precious Lake Erie with our need to fight climate change by moving this renewable energy project forward—a game changer for sustainable development in Ohio and our region as a whole.

Please approve the Project Icebreaker Revised Revised Joint Stipulation and Recommendation, and make Ohio a leader in innovative clean energy solutions!

- First-of-its-kind economic driver for Ohio and the Great Lakes region.
- Positive economic impact it will have on our region:
 - o More than 500 jobs are expected to be created, and its economic impact is projected to be \$253 million.
 - o In addition, Icebreaker will give Ohio's substantial manufacturing base an opportunity to participate in and lead a new, high-growth industry estimated at \$50 billion nationwide.
- Generating locally generated clean energy supplies are a major site- selection criterion for data centers evaluating Ohio investment. Ohio can and should compete for this high-tech, high-growth industry as well.
- Health and environmental benefits of this project as well: it will reduce air pollution, improve public health, and help to mitigate climate change.
- The first fresh water offshore wind project in North America, it will make the Buckeye State a leader in a growth industry.
- Ohio and our communities need the economic stimulus it will provide.

Sincerely,
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