BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Hardin Wind Farm.)))	Case No: 09-479-EL-BGN
In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind Energy, LLC for an Amendment to its Certificate to Install and Operate a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio.)))	Case No: 11-3446-EL-BGA
In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind Energy, LLC for a Third Modification to its Certificate to Install and Operate a Wind-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio.))))	Case No: 16-469-EL-BGA
In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind Energy, LLC for a Modification to its Certificate Issued in Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN.)))	Case No: 16-2404-EL-BGA
In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind Energy, LLC for a Fifth Modification to its Certificate Issued in Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN.)))	Case No: 18-677-EL-BGA

NOTICE OF RELINQUISHMENT AND WITHDRAWAL

Hardin Wind Energy LLC ("Hardin Wind") was certified by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") to construct the Hardin Wind Farm, a wind-powered electric generation facility to be located in Hardin County, Ohio, in accordance with the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need issued by the Board in Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN, as amended in Case Nos. 11-3446-EL-BGA, 16-469-EL-BGA, 16-2404-EL-BGA, and 18-677-EL-BGA ("Certificate"). Hardin Wind commenced construction of the facility in 2016. Prior to commencement of

construction, Hardin Wind obtained a performance bond sufficient to cover the total cost of decommissioning for the entire project, in accordance with the Certificate.

At this time, Hardin Wind gives notice to the Board that Hardin Wind relinquishes its Certificate, with regard to the construction of the wind-powered generation facility. This relinquishment does not include the portion of the Certificate pertaining to the interconnection substation that was transferred to AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., in accordance with the Board's September 20, 2018 Entry.

Hardin Wind filed its Decommissioning Plan on June 17, 2019. At this time, Hardin Wind affirms that decommissioning has been completed at the sites where construction took place. Hardin Wind coordinated the decommissioning efforts with the Board's Staff and complied with all applicable Certificate conditions regarding decommissioning, as well as the provisions of the Decommissioning Plan.

Accordingly, Hardin Wind hereby relinquishes its Certificate with regard to the construction of the wind-powered generation facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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