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

HARDIN WIND ENERGY, LLC'S RESPONSE TO THE FIRST DATA REQUEST FROM THE STAFF OF THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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"). On July 17, 2020, Hardin Wind filed notice of relinquishment and withdrawal of its Certificate with Board

On July 24, 2020, the Staff of the OPSB ("OPSB Staff") provided the Hardin Wind with OPSB Staff's First Data Request. Now comes the Hardin Wind providing the following response to the First Data Request from the OPSB Staff.

1. Please provide photos of the areas and documentation as to the results of the reclamation from the property owners.

Response: Attachments 1 through 7 contain photos from each location where decommissioning was required. In addition, documents from each property owner of those locations is included in Attachments 1 through 7 evidencing that decommissioning has been addressed to their satisfaction.

2. Initial photos of the site marked T20 (Mark Runkle) appears to have orange debris visible in the photo.

<u>Response</u>: All construction debris has been removed from the site and discarded properly. Attachment 4 contains the most recent photo of the site marked T20, which replaces and supersedes any previous photos, and reflects that all debris has been properly removed.

2. At the site marked T21 (Mark Runkle), there appears to be a dry area that shows erosion to the north of the decommissioned turbine site. Please provide explanation.

<u>Response</u>: With regard to the site marked T21, based on the color compared to surrounding soil, there are tire tracks going both over and under the material, the surface texture, and soil moisture signatures emerging from beneath the tan patch, this is very likely to be crop waste (chaff) from last year's harvest. As the material dies and dries out it becomes very buoyant, and during spring (or other significant moisture events under baresoil conditions) this dead and loose material will float/flow over the field surface and accumulate in low-lying areas. It only takes a subtle surface contour change of an inch to a few inches to get water ponding and begin accumulation of chaff. Commonly it is seen clogging up roadside ditches, drain tile vents/inlets, and culverts. Reviewing past aerial imagery in google earth, the moisture signatures under years with bare soil conditions (1994, 2004, 2016) show low-lying areas around where T21 is located so the drainage

pattern is definitely a factor of pre-existing topography in the field. Photos of this site are included in Attachment 4.

3. The initial photo of the site marked T2 (Upper Scioto Valley Local School District), has poor quality, please provide additional photos of this site.

Response: See Attachment 1 for the updated photo of the site marked T2.

4. Please provide any documentation from the Hardin County Commissioners, Hardin County Engineer, and AEP Transmission Company ("AEP"), Inc. regarding the request for relinquishment.

Response: See Attachment 8 which affirms that the Hardin County Engineer is all right with the status of the roads in the project area and with Hardin Wind relinquishing its certificate. In addition, Hardin Wind had discussed the relinquishment with both the Hardin County Commissioners and AEP and has confirmed that they do not oppose the notice of relinquishment filed by Hardin Wind; both will be providing written documentation of this confirmation shortly. Once Hardin Wind receives those confirmations, they will be filed in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: <u>cpirik@dickinsonwright.com</u> wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The Ohio Power Siting Board's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document on the parties referenced in the service list of the docket card who have electronically subscribed to this case. In addition, the undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing document is also being served upon the persons below via electronic mail this 7th day of August, 2020.

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759)

Counsel:

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Administrative Law Judge:

jeffery.jones@puco.ohio.gov greg.price@puco.ohio.gov

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Attachment 1

Site T2 Upper Scioto Valley Board of Education

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: cpirik@dickinsonwright.com wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

April 30, 2020

<u>Via Certified Mail</u> Upper Scioto Valley Local School District Board of Education 510 South Courtright St., PO Box 305 McGuffey, OH 45859

RE: WIND LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT dated June 10, 2009 by and between HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC ("Invenergy") and UPPER SCIOTO VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION ("Owner") (the "Agreement")

To whom it may concern:

You have indicated that you will be performing decommissioning actions related to the facility installation placed on your property under the Agreement.

Please note that following compliance with the decommissioning obligations, including but not limited to removing location fencing and stabilizing the soil, you should return the executed Completion Notice, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Following receipt of the Completion Notice, Invenergy will remit payment of for each turbine location on the Property.

We thank you for the opportunity to do business with us and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Respectfully,

HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC

-DocuSigned by: Michael Kaplan _ By:

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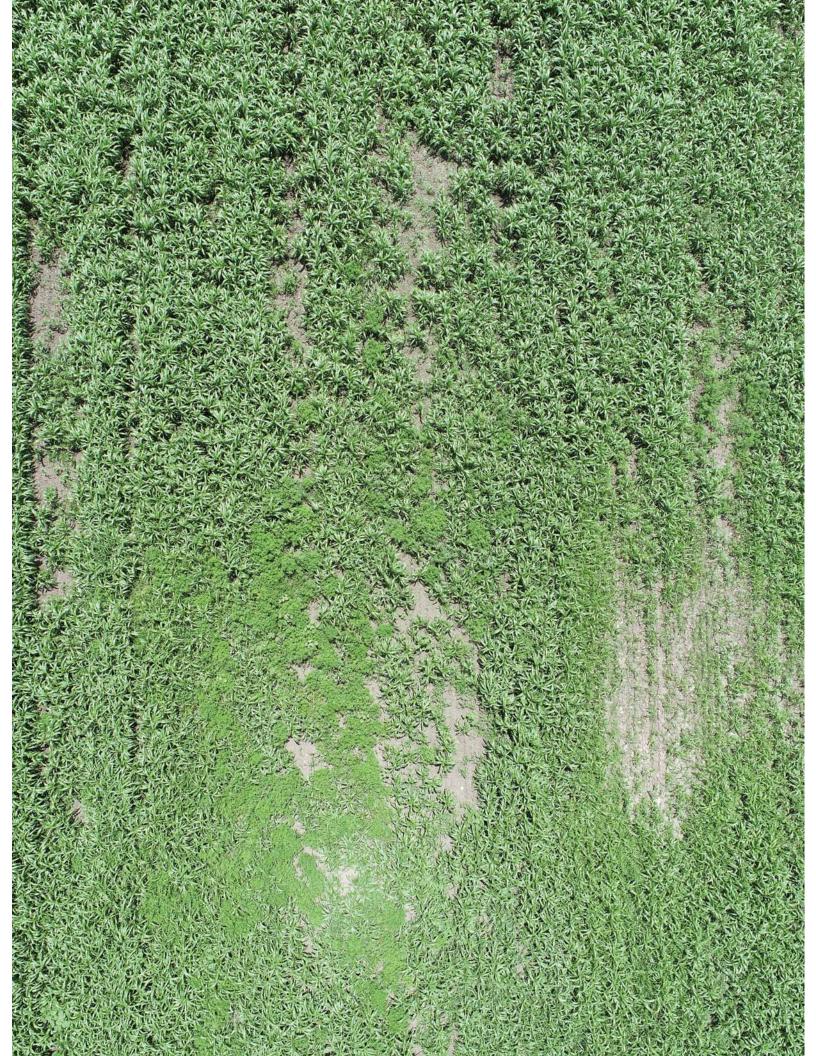
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By execution of this letter, Invenergy and Owner (collectively the "Parties") hereby fully and completely release and forever discharge each other, including all affiliates of each Party, from all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, obligations, indemnification responsibilities, claims, and demands whatsoever which they and/or their affiliates now have or hereafter can, shall or may have under the decommissioning obligations of the Agreement. Any further obligations which may exist under the Agreement shall remain unaffected.

Confirmation:

Owner: USV Schov S By: Car Name: Craig M. Hurley Superintendent

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Hardin Wind Energy, LLC Responses to Staff's First Data Request

Attachment 2

Site T16 DW Rorhs LLC

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: <u>cpirik@dickinsonwright.com</u> <u>wvorys@dickinsonwright.com</u>

April 30, 2020

<u>Via Certified Mail</u> DW Rohrs LLC PO Box 254 McGuffey, OH 45859

RE: WIND LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT dated March 16, 2009 by and between HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC ("Invenergy") and DW ROHRS LLC ("Owner") (the "Agreement")

Mr. Rohrs:

You have indicated that you will be performing decommissioning actions related to the facility installation placed on your property under the Agreement.

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HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC

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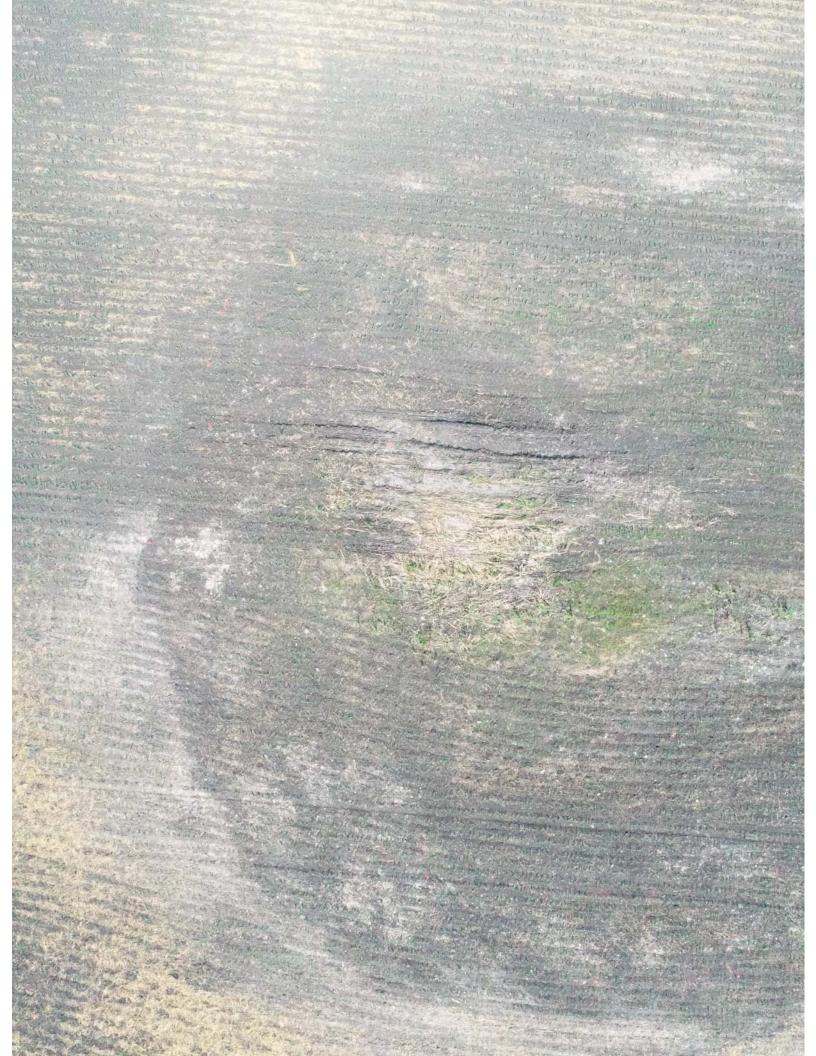
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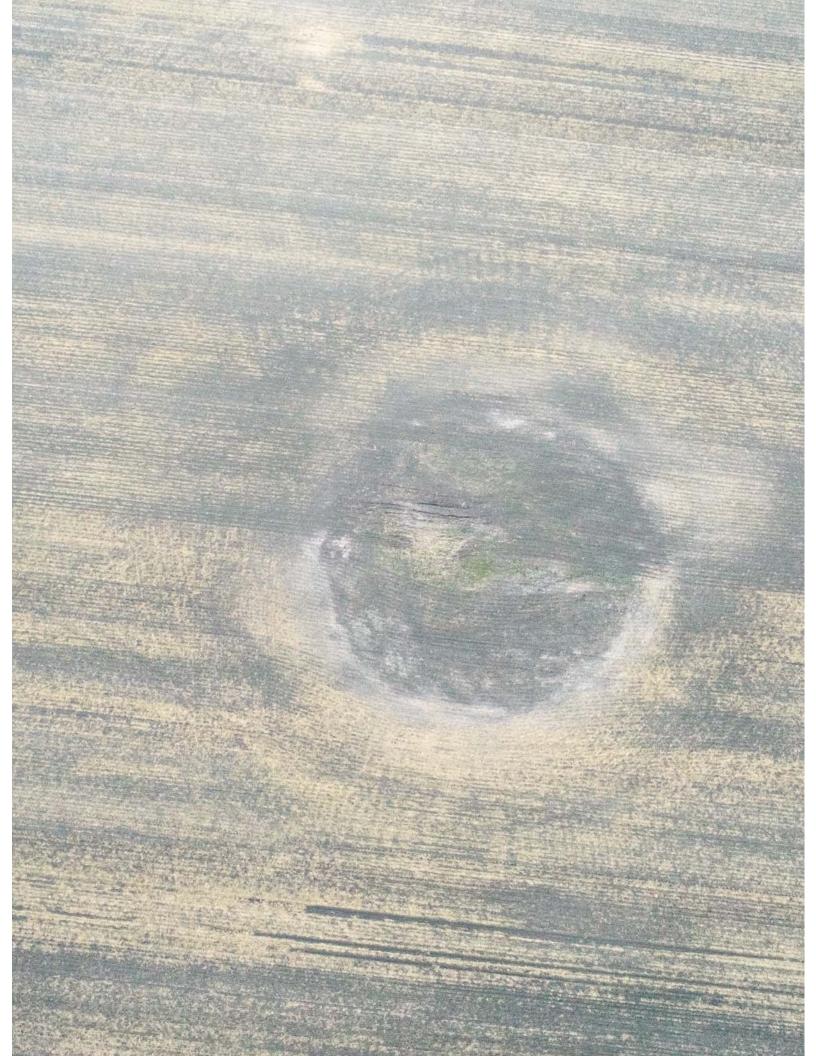
Owner: _____

By:	
Name:	









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Attachment 3

Sites T17 and T19 Rorhs

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: cpirik@dickinsonwright.com wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

April 30, 2020

<u>Via Certified Mail</u> John W. Rohrs PO Box 184 McGuffey, OH 45859

RE: WIND LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT dated March 16, 2009 by and between HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC ("Invenergy") and JOHN W. ROHRS AND JASON D. ROHRS ("Owner") (the "Agreement")

Mr. Rohrs:

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Respectfully,

HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC

Michael Kaplan Bv:

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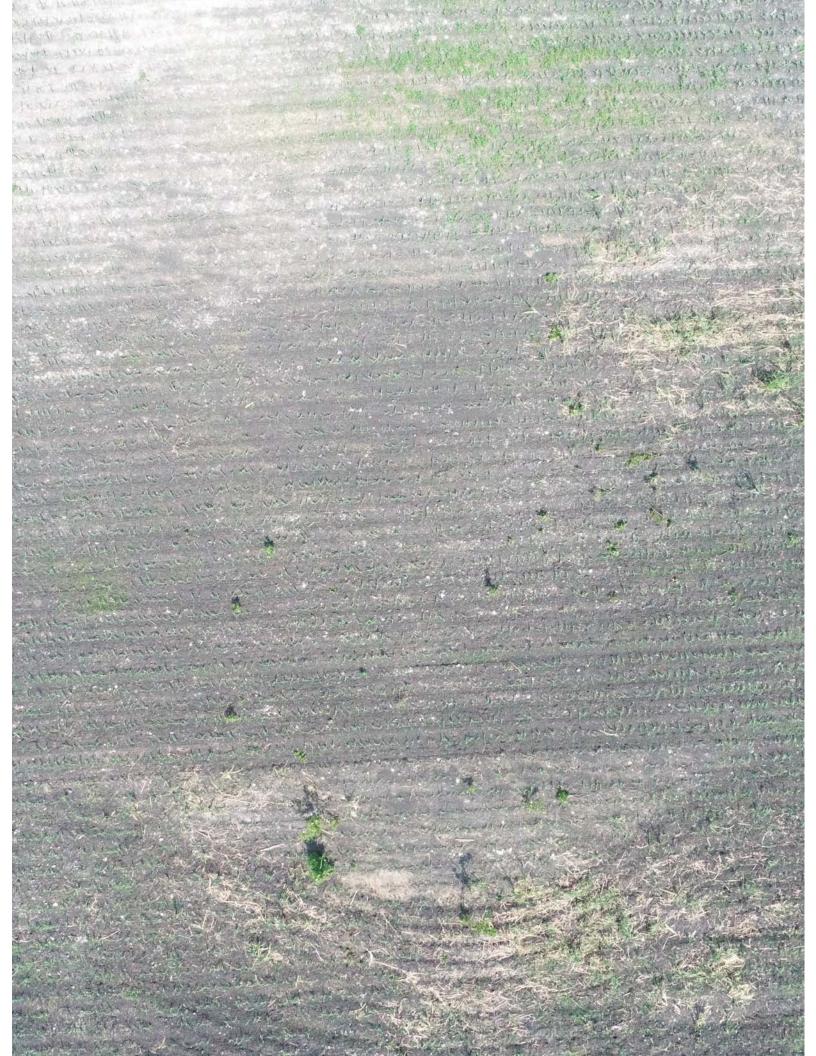
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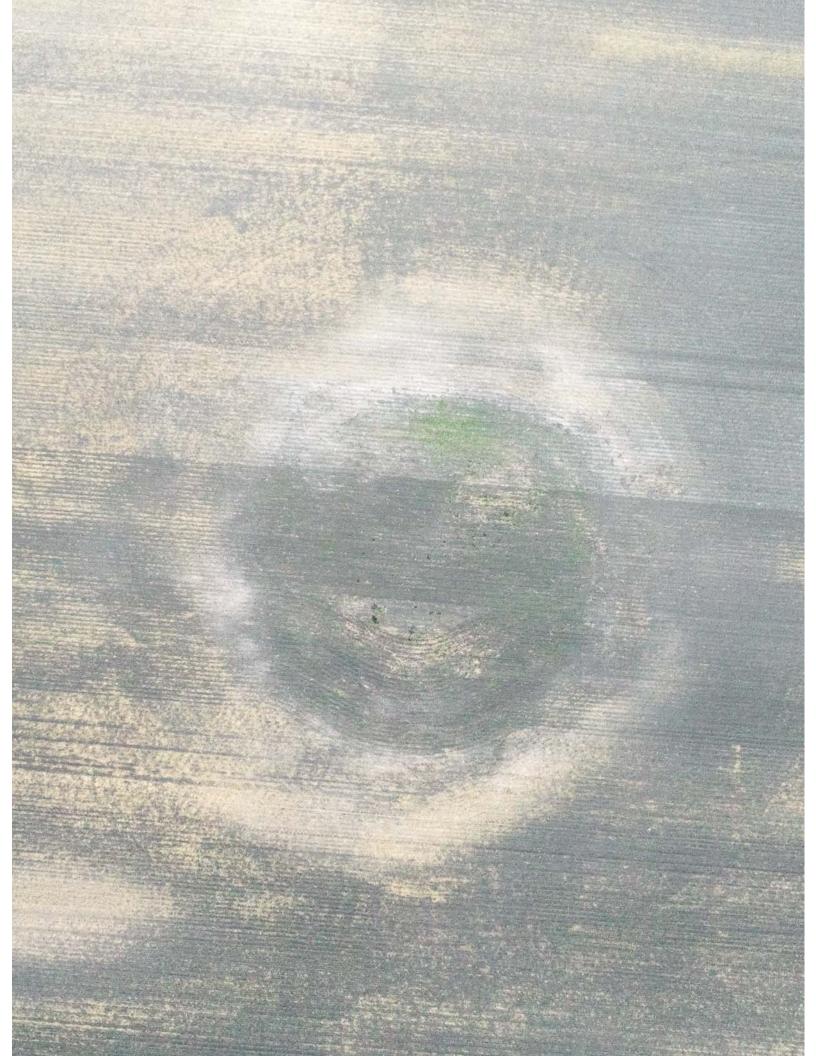
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Attachment 4

Sites T20 and T21 Mark Runkle

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: cpirik@dickinsonwright.com wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

April 30, 2020

<u>Via Certified Mail</u> Mark Runkle P.O. Box 850 St. Paris, OH 43072

RE: WIND LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT dated October 1, 2010 by and between HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC ("Invenergy") and MARK RUNKLE ("Agreement")

Mr. Runkle,

You have indicated that you will be performing decommissioning actions related to the facility installation placed on your property under the Agreement.

Please note that following compliance with the decommissioning obligations, including but not limited to removing location fencing and stabilizing the soil, you should return the executed Completion Notice, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Following receipt of the Completion Notice, Invenergy will remit payment of for each turbine location on the Property.

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Respectfully,

HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC

-DocuSigned by: Michael Kaplan By:

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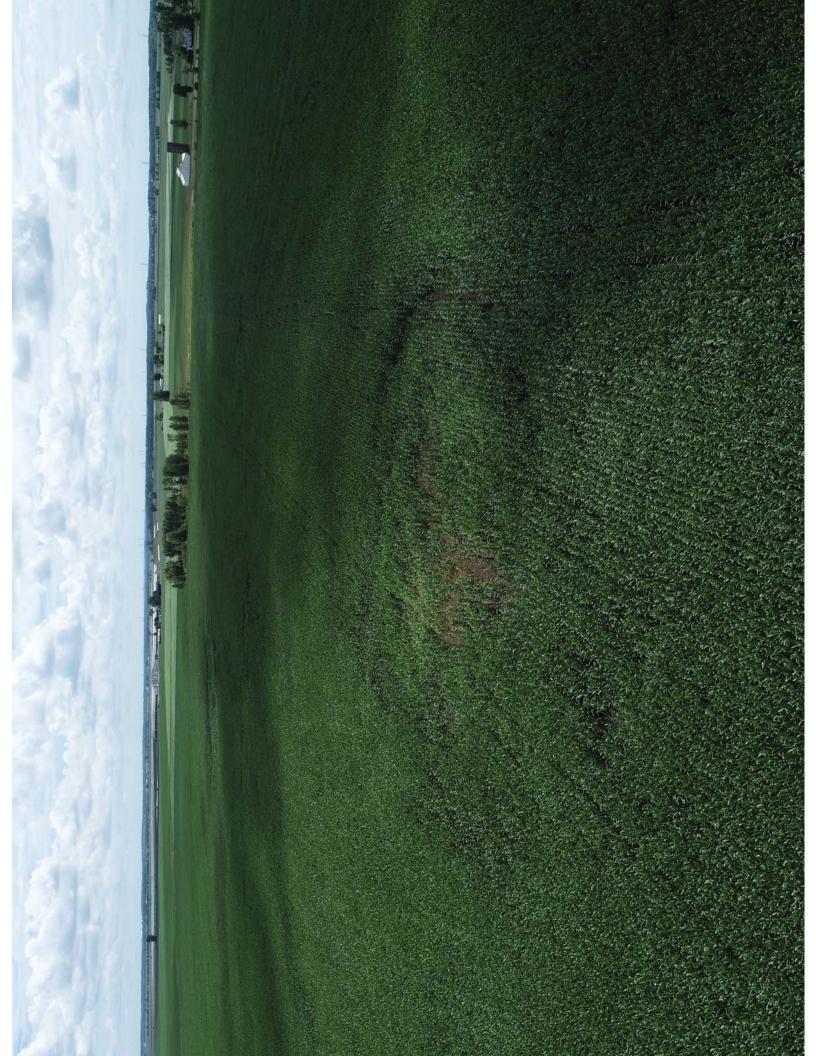
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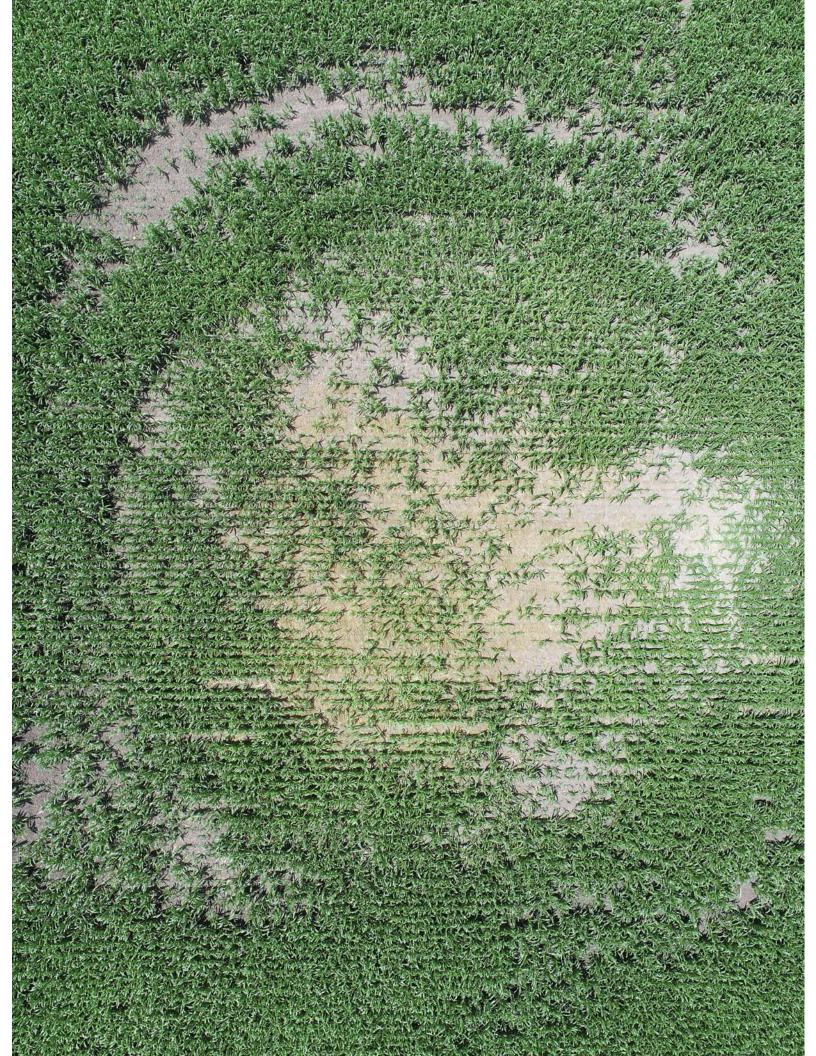
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Confirmation:

Owner: Mark Runkle 2 Rushle By:

Name: Mark Runkle









Attachment 5

Site T33 Keith Farms, Inc.

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: <u>cpirik@dickinsonwright.com</u> wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

April 30, 2020

<u>Via Certified Mail</u> Doris Engler, President Keith Farms, Inc. 1766 CR 110 Alger, OH 45812

RE: WIND LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT dated June 21, 2010 by and between HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC ("Invenergy") and KEITH FARMS, INC. ("Agreement")

Ms. Engler,

You have indicated that you will be performing decommissioning actions related to the facility installation placed on your property under the Agreement.

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Respectfully,

Michael Kaplan, Vice President

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Confirmation:

Owner: Keith Farms, Inc.

By: Keith Farms, Inc - Doris Englev, President 5/15/2020

Name: Doris Engler

Title: President, Keith Farms, Inc.

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Attachment 6

Site T37 Gratz

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: cpirik@dickinsonwright.com wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

May 12, 2020

<u>Via Certified Mail</u> Janice K. Gratz Janice K. Gratz Trust 2185 Clearfork Drive Lexington, OH 44904

RE: WIND LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT dated July 3, 2009 by and between HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC ("Invenergy") and JANICE K. GRATZ TRUST ("Agreement")

Ms. Gratz,

This letter shall act as confirmation that all decommissioning obligations pursuant to the Agreement have been fully satisfied by Grantee and no further decommissioning obligations remain.

With your signed acknowledgement of receipt of this letter, Invenergy and the Janice K. Gratz Trust (collectively the "Parties") hereby fully and completely release and forever discharge each other, including all affiliates of each Party, from all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, obligations, indemnification responsibilities, claims, and demands whatsoever which they and/or their affiliates now have or hereafter can, shall or may have under the decommissioning obligations of the Agreement. Any further obligations which may exist under the Agreement shall remain unaffected.

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Respectfully,

Michael R. Kaplan, Vice President

Acknowledgement of Receipt:

Owner: Janice K. Gratz Trust

By:_____

Name: Janice K. Gratz



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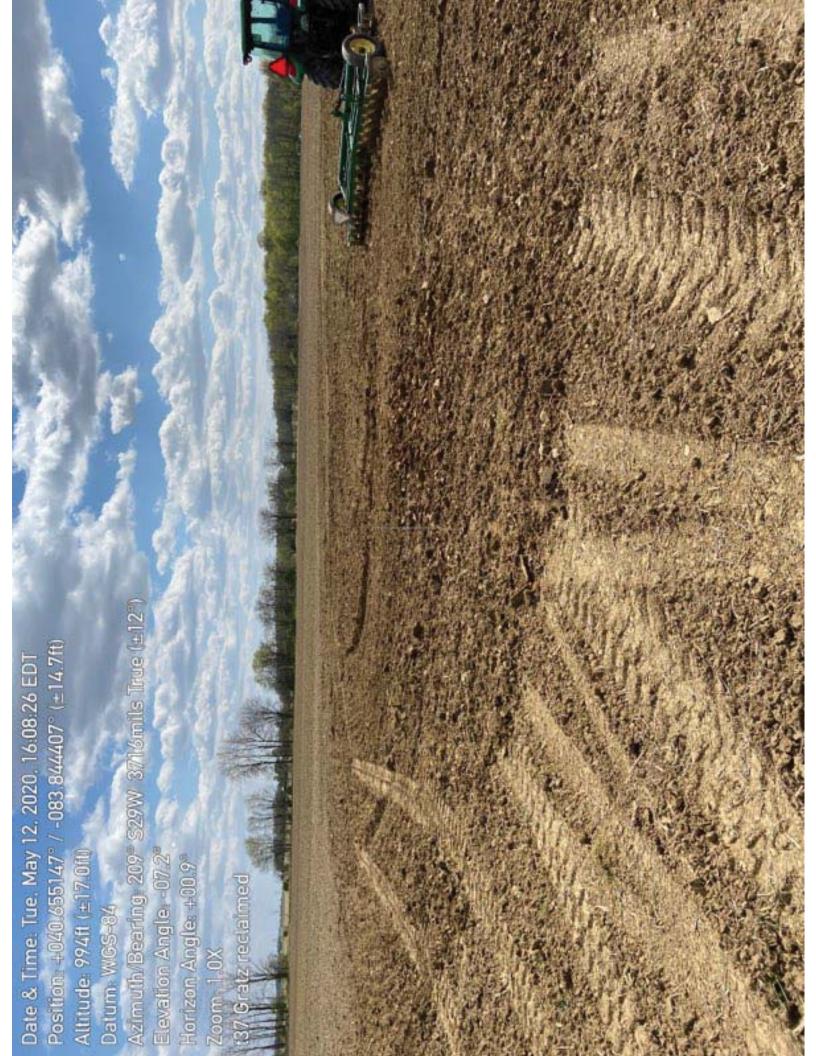


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Attachment 7

Site T38 Spencer

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: <u>cpirik@dickinsonwright.com</u> wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

May 12, 2020

Via Certified Mail Beverly Spencer 9341 SR 235 Alger, OH 45812

RE: WIND LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT dated July 3, 2009 by and between HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC ("Invenergy") and BEVERLY SPENCER ("Agreement")

Ms. Spencer,

This letter shall act as confirmation that all decommissioning obligations pursuant to the Agreement have been fully satisfied by Grantee and no further decommissioning obligations remain.

With your signed acknowledgement of receipt of this letter, Invenergy and Beverly Spencer (collectively the "Parties") hereby fully and completely release and forever discharge each other, including all affiliates of each Party, from all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, obligations, indemnification responsibilities, claims, and demands whatsoever which they and/or their affiliates now have or hereafter can, shall or may have under the decommissioning obligations of the Agreement. Any further obligations which may exist under the Agreement shall remain unaffected.

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Respectfully,

HARDIN WIND ENERGY LLC

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Michael R. Kaplan, Vice President

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By:_____

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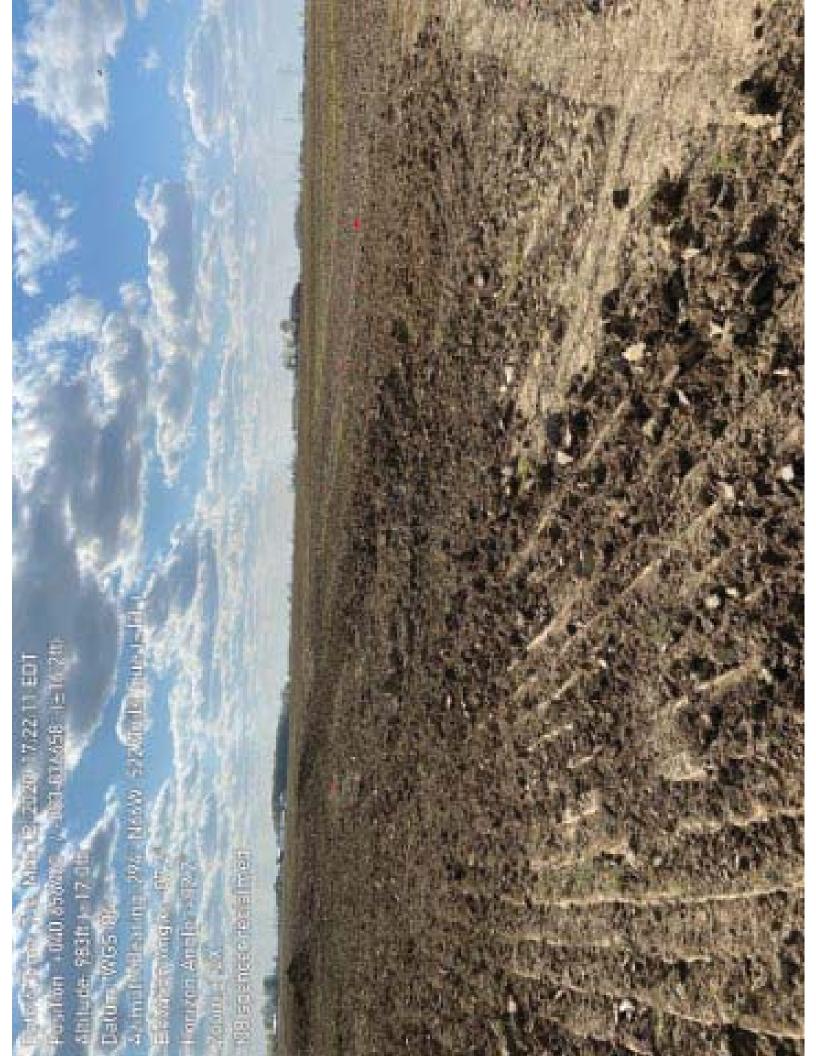
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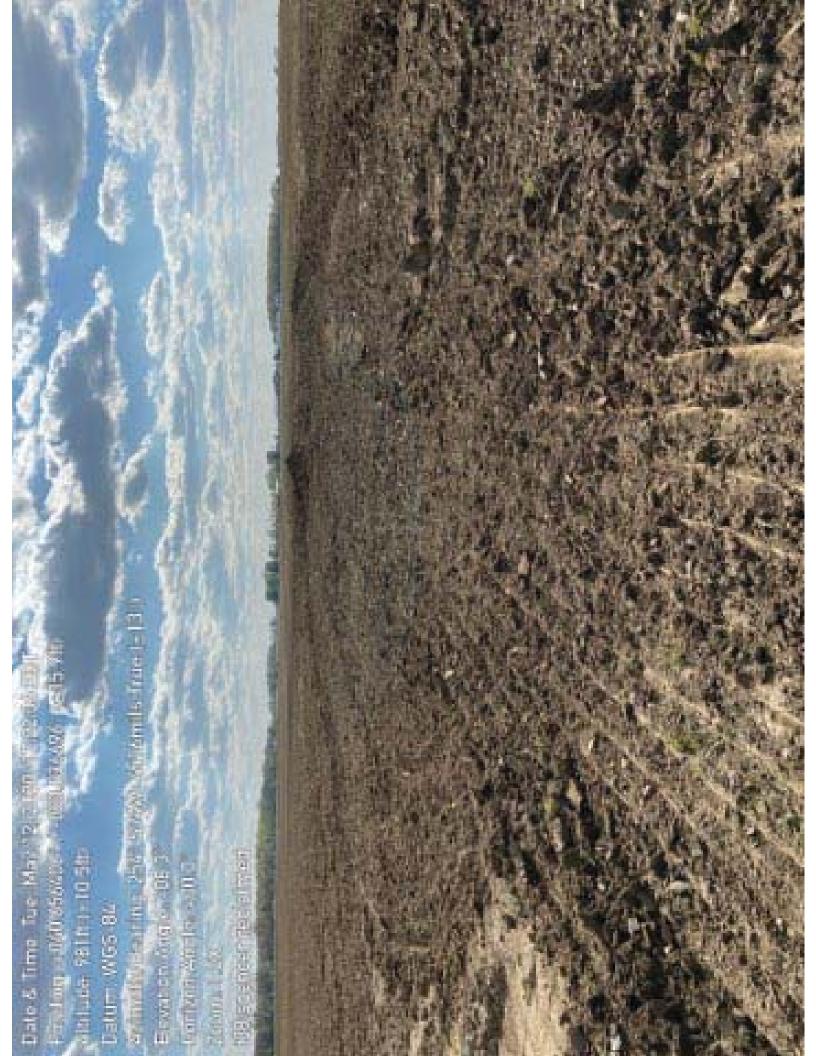
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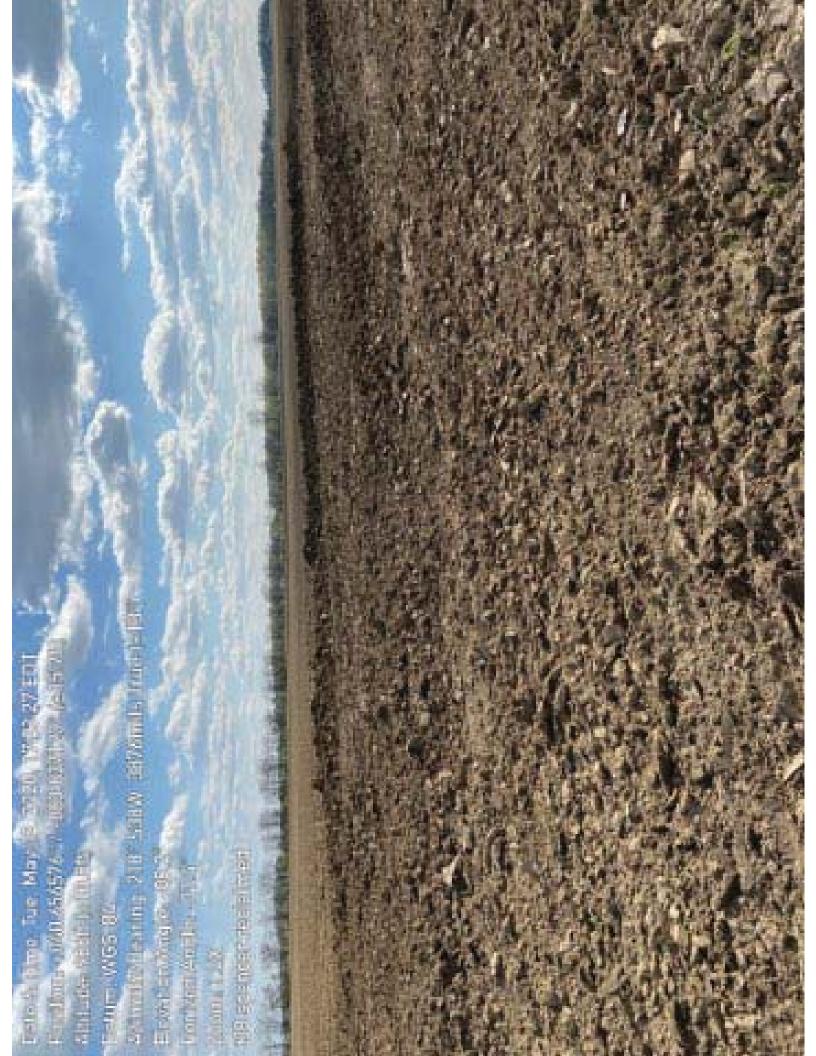
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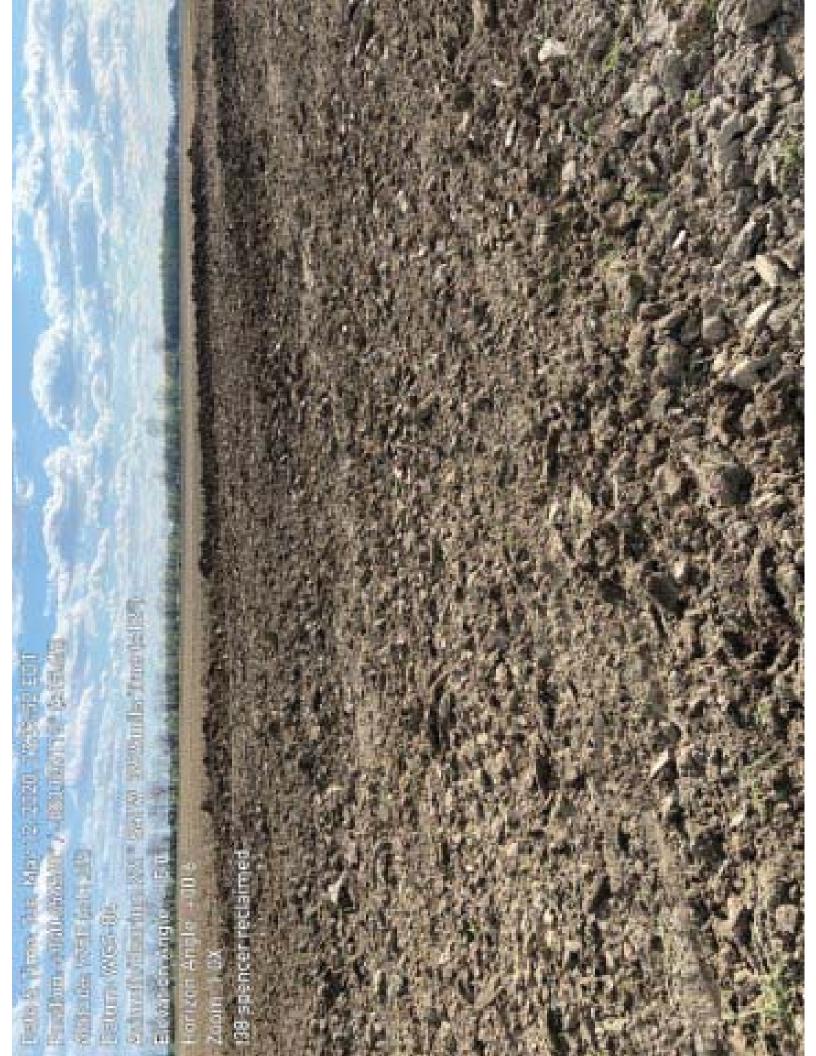












Attachment 8

Hardin County Engineer

<u>/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik</u> Christine M.T. Pirik (0029759) (Counsel of Record) William V. Vorys (0093479) Dickinson Wright PLLC 150 East Gay Street, Suite 2400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 591-5461 Email: <u>cpirik@dickinsonwright.com</u> wvorys@dickinsonwright.com

April M. Popp

From:	andrew.conway@puco.ohio.gov
Sent:	Wednesday, July 29, 2020 11:05 AM
То:	Christine M. T. Pirik
Subject:	EXTERNAL: FW: Hardin Wind Farm (Ohio Power Siting Board # 09-0479-EL-BGN) decommissioning

FYI.

From: Luke Underwood <lunderwood_hce@windstream.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Conway, Andrew <andrew.conway@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: RE: Hardin Wind Farm (Ohio Power Siting Board # 09-0479-EL-BGN) decommissioning

Andrew,

We are happy with leaving the road improvements that were made preconstruction in place. There were very little if any damages made to other roads. As I stated on the phone the Solar Farm that is currently under construction is using most of the same roads, and will be covered under the new road agreement once the wind certificate is relinquished.

Therefore, we have no problem with the Hardin Wind Farm certificate relinquishment.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Lucas J. Underwood, P.E., P.S. Deputy Engineer Hardin County Engineer's Office 1040 West Franklin Street Kenton, Ohio 43326

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Summary: Response - Hardin Wind Energy LLC's Response to the First Data Request from the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board electronically filed by Christine M.T. Pirik on behalf of Hardin Wind Energy LLC