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Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Re: Case Nos. 09-479-EL-BGN, 11-3446-EL-BGA, 16-469-EL-BGA,  
16-2404-EL-BGA, and 18-677-EL-BGA**

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.

**Response to Second Data Request and Second Supplement to the First Data Request from Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Attached please find Hardin Wind Energy LLC's ("Applicant") response to the Second Data Request and Second Supplement to the First Data Request from Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB Staff"). The Applicant provided this response to OPSB Staff on August 19, 2020.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind )  
Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental ) Case No: 09-479-EL-BGN  
Compatibility and Public Need for the Hardin Wind )  
Farm. )

In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind )  
Energy, LLC for an Amendment to its Certificate to ) Case No: 11-3446-EL-BGA  
Install and Operate a Wind-Powered Electric )  
Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio. )

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 ) Case No: 16-469-EL-BGA  
Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, )  
Ohio. )

In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind )  
Energy, LLC for a Modification to its Certificate ) Case No: 16-2404-EL-BGA  
Issued in Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN. )

In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Wind )  
Energy, LLC for a Fifth Modification to its ) Case No: 18-677-EL-BGA  
Certificate Issued in Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN. )

**HARDIN WIND ENERGY, LLC'S RESPONSE TO THE  
SECOND DATA REQUEST AND SECOND SUPPLEMENT 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 August 11, 2020, the Staff of the OPSB (“OPSB Staff”) provided the Hardin Wind with OPSB Staff’s Second Data Request. Now comes the Hardin Wind providing the following response to the Second Data Request from the OPSB Staff, as well as the Second Supplement to the Response to the First Data Request from OPSB Staff filed on August 7, 2020.

1. **Please describe the extent of wind farm construction and decommissioning activities at T18 which is located at latitude 40°40'45.99"N, longitude 83°49'42.58"W.**

**Response:** No construction was done at the T18 site, because during excavation water sprouted up. The area was immediately backfilled. Therefore, decommissioning was not necessary.

2. **Please explain if there are any geological and/or geotechnical issues, including but not limited to karst topography, that are present at any reclamation site.**

**Response:** There are no geological or geotechnical issues, including issues pertaining to karst topography, present at the reclamation sites.

3. **Supplement to Response to OPSB Staff’s First Data Request.**

**Response:** Attached please find a letter from the Hardin County Commissioners stating that they have no issues with the request for relinquishment.

Respectfully submitted,

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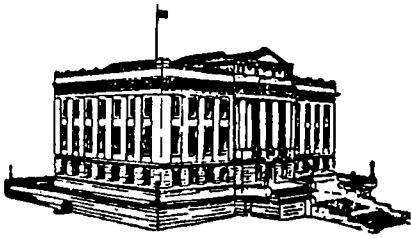
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August 11, 2020

R.E. Notice of Relinquishment and Withdrawal, Hardin Wind Energy LLC

To Whom It May Concern,

The Hardin County Commissioners are aware of Hardin Wind Energy LLC's Notice of Relinquishment and Withdrawal filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board on July 17, 2020. The Commissioners have no objection to the relinquishment.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy L. Striker  
Hardin County Commissioner

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Roger E. Crowe  
Hardin County Commissioner

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Summary: Response to Second Data Request and Second Supplement to the First Data Request from Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board electronically filed by Christine M.T. Pirik on behalf of Hardin Wind Energy LLC