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Subject: I support Emerson Creek Wind!

Dear Docket Submission Ohio Public Siting Board,

To the members of the Ohio Power Citing Board,
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Regards,
Aaron Dunbar
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Lowell, OH 45744 |

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Regards,
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The benefits of this project are economic, health and jobs. The project will provide tremendous economic support to the state and local communities, as well as, create hundreds of jobs, increase production for the Ohio manufacturing industry, and promote our country's commitment to energy security and independence. Ohio has been one of the worst states for air quality and this clean energy project will help shut down remaining coal plants.

Ohio has lost over \$4.2 billion in investment as a result of the lack of development of utility-scale wind energy that could go directly to aid local roads, schools, and hospitals. The project is set to provide \$51.3 million in landowner payments, \$54 million in school payments, \$27 million in county and township payments. As we grapple with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that the state does not miss any opportunities for investment of the caliber.

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Regards,
David Greene
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From: Elizabeth Berry <Elizabeth_Berry@msn.com>
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Subject: Ensure & enforce feathering @ Icebreaker

Dear Chairman Randazzo and Board Members:

Thank you for your decision to require feathering to protect birds at the Icebreaker Wind project. I support renewable energy development if it minimizes its impacts to wildlife. But with so many important promises left unfulfilled by the developer, I strongly believe you were right to take this common sense step to protect migratory birds and bats. It is essential that this condition be met, And that there are mechanisms to ensure it is put into practice faithfully with steep penalties for violations. Your decision must be enforceable and enforced.

As you know, the project site is in a National Audubon Society-designated Globally Important Bird Area due to its use by millions of birds. The project developers have yet to provide a plan for monitoring bird kills at the facility, and there has been no mention of mitigating these impacts through conservation actions. This leaves too much risk and too many unknowns in an area of great importance to birds.

Like millions of Americans, I value birds for their aesthetic, economic, and intrinsic value. But a recent study shows that the United States and Canada lost nearly 3 billion birds – almost 30 percent of the total population – since 1970.

This is not the time to take chances with our declining bird populations. Thank you for your common sense decision to require feathering to protect this diminishing public resource.

Sincerely,

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Subject: I support Emerson Creek Wind!

Dear Docket Submission Ohio Public Siting Board,

To the members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

As an Ohio resident, I encourage you to approve the Emerson Creek Wind Farm. This project will be a boon for the green economy in Ohio and will create hundreds of new jobs for our state. As we continue to see and feel the devastating and ever-increasing effects of climate change on our day-to-day lives, we must make every effort and take every opportunity to reshape our power infrastructure into one that is more friendly towards our environment.

Thank you for your time and attention, and for recognizing the vital importance of fostering green energy initiatives in Ohio.

Regards,
Geoffrey Young
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Strongsville, OH 44136 |

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To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
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Dear Docket Submission OPSB,

As an Ohioan, I want to encourage you to award a permit to the Emerson Creek Wind project (Docket No. 18-1607-EL-BGN, Emerson Creek).

Wind energy projects like Emerson Creek Wind are an important part of the future of Ohio's economy. Ohio manufacturing already supplies many of the components for wind projects in other states, and it's high time we put these components to work in projects in our own state.

The economic, community, infrastructure, and health benefits that this project will bring Northern Ohio are hardly debatable. Support clean, reliable, and affordable energy that will spur economic development across Ohio. Support Emerson Creek Wind.

Regards,
Steve Plummer
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Regards,
Susan Combs
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Dear Docket Submission Ohio Public Siting Board,

To the members of the Ohio Power Citing Board,
As an Ohio resident, I would encourage you to approve the Emerson Creek Wind Farm (Docket No. 18-1607-EL-BGN, Emerson Creek).

The Cleveland Power of Wind Action Team is a bipartisan volunteer group interested in bringing more wind energy to Ohio. We have studied the economic, health and environmental impacts of both onshore and offshore wind farms I am very familiar with Emerson Creek Wind Farm and Apex Clean Energy. I have attended both of the Firelands Wind LLC public informational meetings in November 2018 and April 2019.

I totally support Emerson Creek Wind Farm for the following reasons: 1) It will bring badly needed revenue to the farmers on whose property the turbines will be located. A total of \$51.3 million in landowner payments will be paid out over the 30 year project life or \$1.7 million per year. Spread over the expected 71 turbines, this is \$24,000 per year guaranteed completely independent of any weather, insect, or other issues. 2) It will creat 150 construction and 15 permanent operations and maintenance jobs. These jobs are all well paying jobs with benefits. 3) It will bring \$54 million in school payments or \$1.8 million per year. There is currently a shortage of rural teachers and principals and these additional funds can fill the salary gap or be used for new technology. 3) It will provide \$27 million in county and township payments or \$900,000 per year for better roads, rural hospitals, or other improvements. In addition to these payments, Apex will be improving the road network to bring in the turbines. They will also be training first responders as part of their project safety. 4) Emerson will produce up to 300 MW of clean, homegrown energy. This is an important incentive to attract companies that want renewable energy. Amazon recently agreed to locate a major distribution center in Ohio, but had to go to Indiana to get 100% renewable energy. It would have preferred to get its power from Ohio. 5) Renewables are clearly the future and Ohio has always been a leader in technology and manufacturing. Ohio has 61 manufacturers that make parts for wind turbines, more than any other state in the U.S.

The arguments against this project are not true. There are no bad health effects based on multiple studies done all over the world. Apex has worked closely with ODNR to make sure the risk to birds is low and has met all the requirements put in place. For the Karst issue, Apex has done detailed engineering studies and mitigated any risk to groundwater or the underground streams that

populate the area.

For all of the above reasons, I urge the OPSB to approve the application for Emerson Creek Wind Farm as soon as possible. Although I am unable to voice my opinion in person, please take this letter as my written testimony in support of this project.

Thank you,

Regards,

Thomas Schock

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