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Subject: FW: Removal of the do-not-operate conditions for Icebreaker Wind
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Team,

Would you mind docketing the below email into Case No 16-1871-EL-BGN as Public Comment of Paul Dvorak?

Thanks,
John

From: Paul Dvorak <pauldvorak2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 1:03:20 PM
To: Pelanda, Dorothy <Dorothy.Pelanda@agri.ohio.gov>
Subject: Removal of the do-not-operate conditions for Icebreaker Wind

To: PUCO Docketing

Subject: Comment re: Case 16-1871-EL-BGN Icebreaker Wind Project

Dear Ms Pelanda:

I write to reiterate my support for the Icebreaker offshore wind project, and its “Application for Rehearing” regarding the Ohio Power Siting Board’s May 21, 2020, “Opinion and Order.” The Board issued a Certificate of Approval that contains a new condition to feather the wind turbines from dusk to dawn each night for eight months of the year.

I have supported Icebreaker since it was first conceived at The Cleveland Foundation over a decade ago. Not only would the project position Ohio as a national leader in the emerging offshore wind industry, but the first-of-its-kind demonstration facility will bring substantial economic benefits to Northeast Ohio—injecting over \$250 million into the local economy and creating over 500 Ohio-based skilled trades jobs. It will also add diversity to the state’s energy portfolio while helping deliver clean energy to the region.

The Condition to Feather at night will fatally strain the project's economic output and destroy the ability for Icebreaker to repay a construction loan in a commercially reasonable timeframe. While ostensibly intended to protect the local bird and bat population, this restriction also contradicts the signed agreement for wildlife mitigation entered into between OPSB's technical staff, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Icebreaker, and The Ohio Environmental Council. The restriction also contradicts the finding by the federal US Fish and Wildlife Service that the project is "low risk."

I respect the Board's authority to impose additional conditions and balance the interests between wildlife protection and the need for electric generation infrastructure. But based on the evidence, I would ask the Board to modify its decision so that the region's offshore wind potential can be tested through this innovative project.

Please let me know that you have received and read this letter.

As always, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Dvorak

Strongsville, Ohio

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