


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I am reaching out to you today to gain insight as to your level of comfort regarding Christine Pirik's (of counsel with Dickinson Wright) involvement with the current case before the Siting Board (Case Record 20-1605-EL-BGN). In reviewing Ms. Pirik's professional resume, on Dickinson Wright's website, I would be very curious to know if you feel Ms. Pirik has a conflict of interest. Additionally, and perhaps more likely, I am curious if you feel if any/all of those working on, reviewing and/or administrating this case, who were under Ms. Pirik's management during her seven (7) years as Chief of Staff and nine (9) years as Deputy Legal Director for both the PUCO and OPSB, also have a conflict of interest.

I understand the State of Ohio is working through some very embarrassing times regarding the activities, some potentially illegal, by elected and/or appointed individuals associated with passed energy legislation. I feel there is a strong likelihood that those working beneath, for, and/or with Ms. Pirik during her tenure as Chief of Staff and/or Deputy Legal Director indeed have a conflict of interest and all should recuse themselves from participating on this case in any capacity.

I humbly request you take this into consideration and help me understand if you either agree, or not, with my assessment. To be clear, I am not making any claim that there has been any wrong doing at this time however based on conversations with the petitioner I am beginning to build a pattern of behavior that, on its surface, is at the very least suspicious.

I thank you in advance for any expediency you may be able to provide in responding.

Jim Thompson 

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