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To: <u>Siegfried, Stuart</u>

Cc: Clingan, Kristin; Isaac Schlenker

Subject: RE: EXT: Wessington Springs Wind - OH REN Certification

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:38:26 PM

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Dear Stuart,

Good evening.

Please find below the responses to your two questions:

## Question 1:

**Legal Name of Facility Owner:** NextEra Energy **Facility Owner Representative:** Darin Clabaugh

Street Address: 23573 379th Ave

**City:** Wessington Springs

State: SD

**Zip Code:** 57382

**Country:** United States

## Question 2:

100% of the energy from the Wessington Springs Wind Farm is sold to Heartland Consumers Power District through a long term Power Purchase Agreement. The RECs from the wind farm are currently listed in the M-RETS registry. Regarding the use of RECs, HCPD at times will use RECs for voluntary and compliance goals however it is careful to only make environmental claims on RECs that are retired internally. HCPD has historically sold RECs from this facility into the voluntary "Green-e" market and does not claim the environmental attributes associated with production from the facility that is sold to another counterparty.

On the Heartland Website – the company states that "Heartland keeps 27% of the environmental attributes (Renewable Energy Certificates, or RECs) from the WSW Energy Center in order to deliver this amount of renewable energy generated from the facility to our customers, and reserves the right to sell the remaining RECs."

Heartland intends to continue this 27% internal retirement and market the remaining RECs as it sees fit.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Staff can file these on our behalf.

Thank you, David From: David Lamis

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:36 PM

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Hi Stuart,

Good morning.

We are working on responses to these questions and will get back to you shortly.

Thank you, David Lamis



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**Cc:** mstowater@hcpd.com; Kristin.Clingan@puco.ohio.gov **Subject:** EXT: Wessington Springs Wind - OH REN Certification

Good morning David,

I am in the process of reviewing the application for REN certification that you recently submitted for the Wessington Springs Wind Energy Center. At this stage in my review, I have two questions (see below). I would ask that y'all please either file your responses in the <u>21-0110-EL-REN</u> public case docket, or you can simply email the responses to me along with a request for Staff to file the responses in the public case docket on your behalf.

- 1. The application currently shows Heartland Consumers Power District as the owner of the Wessington wind facility. For confirmation, are they the owners of the facility, or are they the off-takers under a PPA with NextEra Energy? If the later, please provide the required information for the facility owner(s).
- 2. The Commission has a rule prohibiting the double-counting of RECs associated with the Ohio RPS. I understand from the <u>Heartland website</u> that the RECs from Wessington Springs could be used for several different purposes. Please describe the measures in place (if any) to ensure that the RECs from this facility would not be double-counted. For example, if any RECs from Wessington Springs are used by Heartland for its own customers and subsequently retired via M-RETS, please indicate as such.

Thank you,

## Stuart M. Siegfried

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