

**From:** [Puco ContactOPSB](#)  
**To:** [Puco Docketing](#)  
**Subject:** comment 17-2295 and 18-1607  
**Date:** Monday, June 14, 2021 12:05:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [OCC APEX OPSB Letter.pdf](#)

---

**From:** Stephanie Kromer <SKromer@ohiochamber.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 2:10 PM  
**To:** Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Republic and Emerson Creek Wind Projects

To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached letter of support for the Republic and Emerson Creek Wind projects.

Republic: 17-2295-EL-BGN  
Emerson Creek: 18-1607-EL-BGN

Thank you,

Stephanie Kromer



Stephanie Kromer ● Director of Energy & Environmental Policy  
[Ohio Chamber of Commerce](#)  
34 S. 3rd Street  
Suite 100  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-629-0930 - office  
419-271-4341 - mobile  
[www.ohiochamber.com](http://www.ohiochamber.com)

[#allforohio](#)

**CAUTION:** This is an external email and may not be safe. If the email looks suspicious, please do not click links or open attachments and forward the email to [csc@ohio.gov](mailto:csc@ohio.gov) or click the Phish Alert Button if available.



#### OHIO CHAMBER CHAMPIONS

American Electric Power  
The Andersons  
Anthem  
AT&T  
Bon Secours Mercy Health  
Charter Communications  
Columbia Gas of Ohio  
Commercial Vehicle Group

Encino Energy  
FirstEnergy Corp.  
General Electric  
Grange Insurance Companies  
Gulfport Energy Corporation  
Kroger  
Marathon Petroleum Company  
Minute Men Staffing

Nationwide  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Penn National Gaming, Inc.  
Petland, Inc.  
Plante Moran PLLC  
Procter & Gamble Co.  
Quicken Loans, Inc.  
Sedgwick

Sedgwick MCO of Ohio  
Southwestern Energy  
Squire Patton Boggs LLP  
U.S. Bank  
UnitedHealthcare  
Vistra Energy Zaino  
Hall & Farrin

June 11, 2021

Chairwoman Jenifer French  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 E. Broad Street.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
RE: Republic Wind and Emerson Creek Wind

Dear Honorable Chairwoman French,

The Ohio Chamber is the state's leading business advocate, and we represent thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

As such, we are writing today in support of the Republic Wind and Emerson Creek Wind projects. These wind projects will bring significant economic development to Ohio. Republic Wind and Emerson Creek Wind are expected to bring a total of \$700 million of private investment to Ohio. The company has already invested over \$30M in landowner payments, studies, and permitting expenses. Apex began developing both projects 10 years ago and submitted applications to the OPSB in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

Republic Wind, a 200MW project, will bring \$38.8 million in landowner payments, \$36 million in school payments, \$18 million in county and township payments, and 100 local jobs during construction to Seneca and Sandusky counties. Emerson Creek Wind, a 300MW project, will bring over \$50 million in landowner payments, \$55 million in school payments, \$25 million in county and township payments, and 100 local jobs during construction to Erie and Huron counties.

Clean energy is one of the fastest growing industries in the country and powers 20 percent of the electricity on the grid. The industry is slated to invest over \$1 trillion in capital investments over the next decade and create one million jobs.

Investing in clean energy in Ohio is also critical to attracting new businesses. Many Ohio businesses across a number of industry sectors, have chosen to implement entirely voluntary renewable energy procurement goals. More choice in local energy procurement options and access to cost-competitive resources would provide current and future Ohio employers with flexibility to lower overhead energy costs and continue to positively contribute to Ohio's economic diversity and growth.

Republic Wind and Emerson Creek Wind have both gone through a long and thorough process at the OPSB. These projects have hosted several public hearings and made several modifications to their projects to ensure the safety and well-being of the community. They have also undergone extensive review by your staff. These projects will not only bring significant investment into rural communities, but their approval will signal that Ohio is open for business.

Thank you in advance for considering this letter in support of approval for the Republic Wind and Emerson Creek Wind permits.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Kromer". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Stephanie Kromer  
Director of Energy & Environmental Policy

**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities**

**Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on**

**6/17/2021 7:53:55 AM**

**in**

**Case No(s). 17-2295-EL-BGN, 18-1607-EL-BGN**

Summary: Public Comment of Stephanie Kromer, Director of Energy & Environmental Policy at Ohio Chamber of Commerce, via website, electronically filed by Docketing Staff on behalf of Docketing