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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

We would like to send our heartfelt thanks on your difficult decision to deny the request for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to Republic Wind, LLC.

The uncertainty of how or if the construction and operation would affect the karst formation and underground aquifer was a great concern for us at Rockwell Springs Trout Club. Without the cold water provided by the aquifer in the project area Rockwell Springs, two other trout clubs, and the Division of Wildlife Castalia State Fish Hatchery would cease to exist.

We would respectfully ask the Board to remain steadfast throughout the appeal process and thank you for your initial determination in protecting the areas aquifer and water table.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Smith, Club Manager

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