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Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Hardin Wind LLC has filed an application to construct a wind-powered electric generation facility located in Hardin County and Logan County, Ohio. The case is docketed at Case No. 13-1177-EL-BGN. The proposed Scioto Ridge Wind Farm project will consist of up to 176 wind turbines capable of generating up to 300 megawatts (“MW”) and related equipment including collection lines, access roads and a collector substation. In addition to the generating facility application, Hardin Wind will file applications for an approximately 5 mile transmission line (Case No. 13-1768-EL-BTX) and a point of interconnect switchyard (Case No. 13-1767-EL-BSB) both of which will be located in Hardin County. The function of the transmission line and point of interconnect switchyard (“POI switchyard”) will be to connect the Scioto Ridge Wind Farm generating facility to the existing AEP East Lima – Marysville 345 kV circuit.

The three projects are interrelated as the entire reason the POI switchyard and transmission line are being constructed is to transmit electricity generated by the wind farm project to the PJM interconnect to the regional transmission grid. Further, construction on all three projects is scheduled to take place concurrently which requires a simultaneous course of investigation and completion of the certification process. Consolidation of these matters also promotes efficiency, conserves the Ohio Power Siting Board’s resources, and permits the public to participate in a single proceeding related to the entire project instead of participating in three separate hearings for three separate projects. Consolidation will also avoid separate evidentiary hearings, separate landowner mailings and multiple, separate public notices. The end result will be less resources expended by both the Board and the Applicant, less confusion to the public and consistency in evidentiary rulings, timing, and decisions issued by the Board on the three certificates.

The Ohio Power Siting Board is permitted, for good cause shown, under Ohio Revised Code 4906-7-19(B) to “prescribe different practices or procedures to be followed in a case.” The Board therefore has the authority to consolidate the three cases as requested in this Motion. Hardin Wind also requests an expedited ruling on this Motion pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-17-12(C), given the pending submittal of its transmission line and switchyard applications and the pending informational meetings. An expedited ruling will also allow consolidation to occur prior to the end of the completeness review period for the generating application, currently set for September 25, 2013. Counsel for Staff and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation have been contacted regarding the request for expedited treatment of the Motion, and do not object to an expedited ruling. Accordingly, for good cause shown, Hardin Wind respectfully requests, pursuant to Rule 4906-7-19(B), that the Board grant its Motion to consolidate the three above-captioned cases for purposes of all public hearings, evidentiary hearings and public notices, and for any other reasons the Board views consolidation as being helpful or necessary.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the following parties of record via e-mail this 29th day of August, 2013.

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