

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)
Paulding Wind Farm II LLC for a)
Certificate to Site a Wind-Powered) Case No. 10-369-EL-BGN
Electric Generation Facility in Paulding)
County, Ohio.)

ENTRY

The Board finds:

- (1) On May 14, 2010, Paulding Wind Farm II LLC (Paulding Wind II) filed an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a 150.4 megawatt wind-powered electric generation facility, consisting of up to 98 wind turbines, in Paulding County, Ohio.
- (2) On November 18, 2010, the Board issued its Opinion, Order, and Certificate (Order) approving the stipulation entered into between the parties in this case and authorizing the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility. The Order provided that the Certificate shall become invalid if Paulding Wind II has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the facility within five years of the issuance of the certificate.
- (3) On February 28, 2011, the Board issued an Entry in this case bifurcating the Certificate into two phases: Phase I consisting of up to 55 turbine locations and Phase II consisting of up to 37 turbine locations and transferring Phase II of the Certificate to Paulding Wind Farm III LLC (Paulding Wind III). Also, on February 28, 2011, the Board issued an Entry in *In re Amendment of Paulding Wind Farm II, LLC*, Case No. 10-3128-EL-BGA that amended the conditions of the Certificate, modified the selected turbine model, relocated a permanent meteorological tower, and eliminated three other permanent meteorological tower locations. Neither the transfer of Phase II of the Certificate nor the amendment of the Certificate changed the date for the commencement of construction.

- (4) On September 12, 2014, Paulding Wind III filed a motion to extend the term of the certificate authorized in the November 18, 2010 Order for a period of 36 months. In support of this motion, Paulding Wind III states that market forces beyond its control have been largely responsible for the delay in the development of the facility. Paulding Wind III also notes that suppressed electricity prices undercut Paulding Wind III's ability to enter into a long-term purchase power agreement for the project's energy and renewable energy credits to support the financing of the project. In addition, Paulding Wind III claims that the electric generation market has recently experienced other changes, including several coal plants that are expected to retire in the near term and generation capacity that is anticipated to be needed for Ohio and the region. Paulding Wind III claims that it continues to work to develop the project by continuing to make landowner payments for land under lease in the project area, collecting wind data, and marketing the power that would be generated by the wind facility to utility off-takers in Ohio. Paulding Wind III contends that, taken together, the market conditions and its continued efforts to develop the generation facility constitute good cause for an extension of its certificate from November 18, 2015, to November 18, 2018. Finally, Paulding Wind III notes that the Board previously considered and granted a certificate extension request from Hardin Wind Energy, LLC citing the same market forces as cause for delays in its construction of that wind farm. See, *In re Hardin Wind Energy LLC*, Case No. 09-479-EL-BGN Entry (Aug. 25, 2014). No party opposed Paulding Wind III's motion.
- (5) The Board finds that Paulding Wind III's motion to extend the term of the certificate is reasonable and should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Paulding Wind III's motion to extend the term of its certificate for a period of 36 months to November 18, 2018, is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon Paulding Wind III and all other interested persons of record.

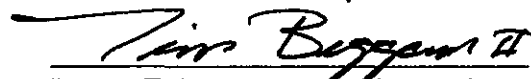
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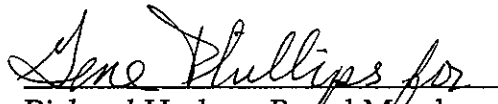
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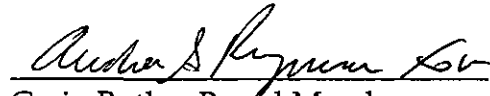
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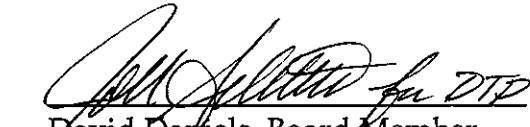
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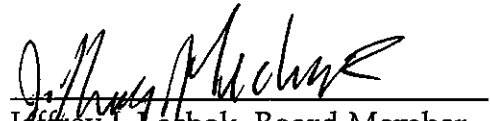
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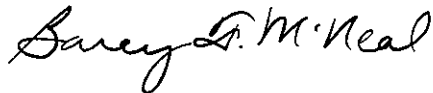


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