

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Paulding Wind Farm LLC for a )  
Certificate to Construct a Wind- ) Case No. 09-980-EL-BGN  
Powered Electric Generation Facility in )  
Paulding County, Ohio. )

ENTRY

The Board finds:

- (1) On January 13, 2010, Paulding Wind Farm LLC (Paulding Wind) filed an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a 48.6 megawatt wind-powered electric generation facility in Paulding County, Ohio.
- (2) On August 23, 2010, the Board issued its Opinion, Order, and Certificate 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 has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the facility within five years of the issuance of the certificate.
- (3) On September 12, 2014, Paulding Wind filed a motion to extend the term of the certificate authorized in the August 23, 2010 Order for a period of 36 months. In support of this motion, Paulding Wind notes that market forces beyond its control have been largely responsible for the delay in the development of the facility. Further, Paulding Wind states that suppressed electricity prices undercut Paulding Wind's ability to enter into a purchase power agreement for the project's energy and renewable energy credits at a price sufficient to support the financing of the project. In addition, Paulding Wind states that the electric generation market has experienced other changes recently including the expected retirement of several coal plants in the near term and generation capacity is anticipated to be needed for Ohio and the region. Paulding Wind 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 generated by the wind facility to utility off-takers in Ohio. Paulding Wind 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 August 23, 2015, to August 23, 2018. Finally, Paulding Wind 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's motion.

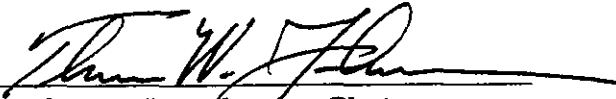
- (4) The Board finds that Paulding Wind's motion to extend the term of the certificate is reasonable and should be granted.

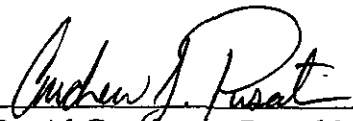
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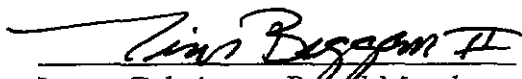
ORDERED, That Paulding Wind's motion to extend the term of its certificate for a period of 36 months to August 23, 2018, is granted. It is, further,


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


THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

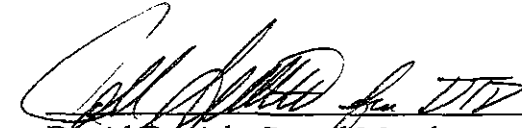
  
Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

  
David Goodman, Board Member  
and Director of the Ohio  
Development Services Agency

  
James Zehringer, Board Member  
and Director of the Ohio  
Department of Natural Resources

  
Richard Hodges, Board Member  
and Director of the Ohio  
Department of Health


  
Craig Butler, Board Member  
and Director of the Ohio  
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Jeffrey J. Lechak, Board Member  
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Secretary