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Re: Ohio Power Siting Board Application of Will-Power OH, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Case No. 25-0188-EL-BGN

Dear Licking County Neighbor:

You should have received a letter dated March 4, 2025 stating that Will-Power OH, LLC (the "Applicant") has scheduled **two** upcoming public information meetings to discuss the proposed Socrates North Power Generation Facility Project (the "Project") a 200 Megawatt behind the meter state-of-the-art natural gas simple cycle power generation facility located in Licking County, Ohio. It came to our attention that the letter inadvertently listed the wrong date for the second public information meeting. The second public information meeting will be held on <u>April 1, 2025</u>. All other information in the letter is accurate.

In summary, the public information meetings will be held on March 25 and April 1, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., in the Conference Room at the New Albany Plain Local Schools Annex Building, located at 79 North High Street, New Albany, Ohio 43054. You should expect to receive at least one additional letter from us setting forth this same information.

Description of Project

The Project will be sited on an existing industrial site in Licking County, Ohio. The Applicant plans to: file an application in early second quarter 2025; begin construction in late third quarter of 2025; and begin commercial operation in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Description of the Certification Process

In order to construct, operate and maintain the Project, the Applicant must obtain permission from the Ohio Power Siting Board (the "Board"). That permission is provided in the form of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate").

In the near future, the Applicant will submit to the Board an application for both a Certificate. The Board will review the application to determine whether it is complete and meet all necessary requirements to be considered by the Board. After the applications are determined to be complete, the Board's professional staff will conduct an investigation of the application and issue a report of its investigations. The Board also will hold a local public hearing in the area where the Project will be built followed by an adjudicatory hearing in Columbus.

As noted, prior to the hearings, the application will be reviewed by the Board's staff. The review must be completed and the staff must submit a written report to the Board not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the local public hearings and no more than 75 days after the date the application is deemed complete. The report will explain the nature of the investigation and include recommended findings with regard to the criteria that the Board must consider in reviewing the application. A copy of the report will be made available to any person upon request.

The criteria the Board must use to review the application are as follows:

- The basis of the need for the facility
- The nature of the probable environmental impact



- That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations
- That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code
- That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity
- The impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code
- That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Following the hearings, the Board will issue its decision on the application based on the above criteria. If a party to the case is not satisfied with the Board's decision, an application for rehearing can be submitted and, if the Board denies the rehearing application, the party can appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

You may access all the filings in these cases (including the application, once it is filed) at the PUCO website at <u>https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=25-188&x=0&y=0</u>. The Board's address is 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; its telephone number is (866) 270-6772; its website is <u>https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/</u>; and its email is <u>contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov</u>. The Project website is <u>www.will-power.com</u>.

Public Informational Meetings

The Applicant is hosting a two public informational meetings about the Project. The first public information meeting will be held on March 25, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., in the Conference Room at the New Albany Plain Local Schools Annex Building, located at 79 North High Street, New Albany, Ohio 43054.

The second public information meeting will be held on April 1, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., in the Conference Room at the New Albany Plain Local Schools Annex Building, located at 79 North High Street, New Albany, Ohio 43054.

The meeting formats will be similar to an open house. Maps of the location of the Project will be available to review, and Project representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

We expect that the Board will conclude, as we believe, that the Project will benefit the community, the region, and Ohio. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at <u>outreach@williams.com</u> or toll-free at 1-888-275-9084.

Sincerely yours,

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