

October 9, 2013

Mr. Lorry Wagner, President Lake Erie Energy Development Corp. (LEEDCo) 1938 Euclid Avenue, Suite 200 Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Over the past four decades, the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) has worked to secure healthy air, land and water for all who call Ohio home. Our organization advocates strongly for more renewable energy development as a way to meet our growing demand for emission-free energy; concurrently, we advocate strongly for the protection of critical habitats for native and migratory species.

First, we support the Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation's (LEEDCo) leadership to develop not just Ohio's, but the United States', first freshwater, offshore wind project. Your efforts are moving us toward a more diversified energy portfolio. With Ohio being heavily reliant on fossil fuels to meet our electricity needs, more diversification in our portfolio will reduce pollution, increase our energy security and create Ohio jobs.

Northeast Ohio is perfectly suited to fully realize the economic and environmental benefits of our nation's emerging offshore wind power industry. The OEC believes that LEEDCo is well suited to lead the charge, as the developers of the Icebreaker pilot project are taking careful consideration in balancing the need to develop a new sustainable source for electricity with the interest in protecting water quality, the fisheries and migratory bird paths over and around Lake Erie.

The OEC further recognizes that:

- LEEDCo has been awarded a \$4,000,000 grant from the United States
 Department of Energy and has secured another \$1,000,000 from private
 partners to complete a pilot project called Icebreaker by 2017 to build six
 wind turbines seven miles off the coast of downtown Cleveland, Ohio.
- In order to demonstrate public support for offshore wind power, LEEDCo is
 offering individuals the option to sign a POWER Pledge to indicate that they
 would be willing to pay a little bit more on their electricity bill in order to
 receive a portion of their electricity from Icebreaker.

 Signing the POWER Pledge does not commit an individual to purchase the power from LEEDCo, but identifies those who would be supportive of purchasing wind generated power from wind turbines off the shoreline of Lake Erie.

As such, the OEC expresses its support for Lake Erie Energy Development Corp.'s efforts to build an offshore wind power industry in Northeast Ohio for the Great Lakes Region and for its POWER Pledge initiative. The OEC will continue to promote offshore wind power in Northeast Ohio by encouraging its members to sign the POWER Pledge and will collaborate with LEEDCo on an ongoing basis to find opportunities for future cooperation in service of shared objectives.

Sincerely,

Keith Dimoff

Executive Director