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Mr. Lorry Wagner, President
Lake Erie Energy Development Corp. (LEEDCo)
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

Environment Ohio is an organization working to advance clean water, clean air and open spaces in Ohio.

Environment Ohio holds the position that there is an urgent need to protect our environment by developing more clean energy resources. Offshore wind is an attractive option because it emits no pollution, can achieve significant scale, and can be developed in a responsible and economical way.

Environment Ohio believes that the Great Lakes region is perfectly suited to fully realize the economic and environmental benefits of America's small but growing offshore wind power industry. The region holds up to 700GW of offshore wind potential and is currently the most dependent region in the country on electricity from coal fired power plants.

Environment Ohio recognizes that your organization, Lake Erie Energy Development Corp. (LEEDCo), is a regional non-profit and economic development organization building an offshore wind power industry in Ohio to improve the environment, create local jobs, and advance the nation's energy security.

Environment Ohio further recognizes that LEEDCo is currently working to develop a demonstration project called "Icebreaker" to help catalyze an industry and spur additional development throughout the region. The first project, scheduled for completion in October 2017, will consist of six 3MW wind turbines in Lake Erie approximately 7 miles off the coast of Downtown Cleveland, Ohio.

Environment Ohio understands that "Icebreaker" will create hundreds of jobs and lead to an industry that employs thousands. Offshore wind is a perfect example of how a clean energy economy can create jobs and drive economic development.



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Environment Ohio appreciates LEEDCo's efforts to connect with important stakeholders like the environmental community to seek our input and support. LEEDCo's desire to heal the environment and commitment to protect lake ecosystems is evident.

Environment Ohio congratulates LEEDCo on the overwhelming public support it has demonstrated through its Power Pledge initiative. This program is proving that the people of Northeast Ohio support offshore wind and want to be a part of making it a reality.

As such, Environment Ohio expresses its support both for LEEDCo's mission to build an offshore wind power industry in Northeast Ohio and also for LEEDCo's "Icebreaker" demonstration project.

Sincerely,

Christian Adams
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