

Blue Creek Wind Project – Special Hauling and Right-of-Way Permit Requirements

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ODOT Special Hauling and Right-of-Way Permits

This morning I spoke with Duane Bennett with ODOT's Special Hauling Permits Section. Based on their specifications, all of the tower sections and the nacelle will need a Special Hauling Permit based on their height, width and weight. In addition, the blades will need a Special Hauling Permit based on length. We can apply for "90 Day Continuing" permits, which will allow for unlimited deliveries of a specified component using a specified type of trailer for a 90 day period. Multiple permits will be required as the 90 day periods expire.

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This morning I also spoke with Steve Reichenbach with ODOT's District 1 office in Lima, Ohio regarding permits for right of way use. He indicated that the uses we would require permits for (underground cable crossings, access road entrances, and intersection improvements, all within ODOT jurisdictional rights of way) are all handled using the same permit application. The permit application in these instances will be through the local ODOT District 1 office (Van Wert or Paulding Counties).

Paulding and Van Wert County Hauling and Right-of Way Permits

In meetings held on December 15th, 2009 in the offices of the Paulding County Engineer, Travis McGarvey, representatives from Paulding County, along with Blue Creek, Benton, and Latty Townships, indicated that they were amenable to the idea. As the permitted loads move to County and Township roads, the permitting responsibility shifts to those entities. We will need to identify a detailed permitting process in the Roads Agreements that we sign with the Counties and Townships, as opposed to individual permits for each component. In addition, the representatives of Paulding County, and Blue Creek, Benton,

and Latty Townships indicated that they would be willing to work towards a single Roads Agreement that would cover all roads under those entities' jurisdictions.

In meetings held on December 16th, 2009 in the offices of the Van Wert County Engineer, Kyle Wendel, he also seemed to agree with the approach of having a single Roads Agreement in lieu of individual agreements. The details of the agreements, including sections regarding permit coverage, will be negotiated over the coming months. Mr. Wendel indicated that he would be willing to enter into a single Roads Agreement with the Townships in Van Wert County (Union, Tully, and Hoaglin), however, representatives of those Townships have not yet been contacted regarding the matter.

Right of way use permits for County and Township roads are handled at those levels. In conversations with the Counties and Townships over the past two days, I detailed the typical uses we would need permits for. There was no indication that there would be any problem with granting permits for our uses.