A UTILITY 2.0 COMPANY

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#### COMPANY STATEMENT REGARDING ALLEN TOWNSHIP ZONING

One Power has received numerous inquiries from stakeholders regarding the proposed zoning resolution in Allen Township, Hancock County, Ohio. This statement addresses those inquiries.

### 1. One Power Opposes the Proposed Zoning Ordinance

One Power is opposed to the current zoning proposal in Allen Township. We are not opposed to zoning in general; in fact, we have worked with many communities to implement responsible zoning frameworks. However, the ordinance currently on the ballot is neither responsible nor fair. It is irresponsible and predatory.

The proposed ordinance targets businesses, including One Power, by zoning our corporate headquarters—where we employ over 80 hardworking individuals—as agricultural. It also designates hundreds of existing homes as "agricultural" despite their lots being under two acres, immediately rendering them non-conforming. The zoning commission has falsely claimed this outcome was legally required. That is untrue. This was a choice—and a reckless one.

The commission acted from a position of ignorance or indifference, drafting an ordinance that will harm residents and businesses alike.

# 2. One Power Will Defend Its Rights

One Power has filed suit against the Allen Township Trustees and the Zoning Commission for violations of Ohio's Open Meetings Act. Township officials denied both One Power and the public their legal right to observe and participate in the process that brought this ordinance to a vote. A judge has already ruled that the Township broke the law. While we respectfully disagree with the court's chosen remedy, we have filed an appeal and will continue to pursue all available legal options to protect our property rights and ensure a lawful, transparent process.

#### 3. If Zoning Passes, We Will Annex into the City of Findlay

Should the zoning ordinance pass in May, One Power will begin the process of annexing its land into the City of Findlay. Our holdings stretch from TR 230 in the east to the north side of TR 215. We already have city utilities on site, and our land is contiguous to the city. One Power expects to annex over 500 acres into Findlay.

To be clear: we do not want to annex. We have proudly operated in Allen Township for more than nine years. We located our headquarters here because of the Township's long-standing support for limited government, property rights, and pro-business values. This zoning ordinance abandons those principles. If adopted, it will leave us no choice but to leave the Township.

# 4. We Will Continue to Invest Locally

One Power remains committed to growing the North Findlay Electrified Industrial Park—home to our corporate headquarters—into one of the most advanced industrial campuses in the country. We are actively investing in this site and working to attract additional partners. Our growth generates local jobs and tax revenue that benefits the entire region.

# 5. One Power Does Not Own the "Make Allen Great Again Coalition"

One Power Company, and its subsidiaries, does not own the group known as "Make Allen Great Again Coalition."

## 6. Construction of Our Renewable Energy Project is Already Underway

One Power began construction of its wind and solar project more than a year ago. The project is fully grandfathered under the proposed ordinance and will proceed regardless of the May vote. Equipment is already on-site. Roads are being built. Engineering is complete. Foundations will be poured before the election. Electrical systems are currently being installed. This vote will not impact the project's progress.

## 7. We Have Built a Modern Drainage System—No Wells Drain Into It

Over the past year, One Power has constructed a comprehensive drainage system for the North Findlay Electrified Industrial Park. This includes a large engineered ditch and multiple underground systems that manage stormwater runoff. The system functions as a linear detention pond, regulating water discharge from the site. No wells, and no industrial processes of any kind, discharge into this system.

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