# One Energy and Marathon Petroleum Apply for Innovation Hub Grant to Create the Black Swamp Combinator in Findlay, Ohio

**Findlay, Ohio, February 9, 2024 -** One Energy Enterprises Inc., in collaboration with Marathon Petroleum Corporation, is pleased to announce the companies' joint application for an Ohio Innovation Hubs Grant. If successful in securing, the parties intend to progress efforts to establish the Black Swamp Combinator, a pioneering innovation hub for energy technology startups, in Findlay, Ohio.

The Black Swamp Combinator seeks to develop a sustainable ecosystem for physical energy tech startups. Drawing inspiration from Northwest Ohio's historic Black Swamp region – the birthplace of the modern oil and natural gas industry over a century ago – the Combinator aims to leverage this rich energy heritage to support future innovations.

The Combinator's objective is to attract, nurture and expedite the growth of early-phase startups, accelerating their development into enduring energy tech enterprises. The Combinator would plan to offer significant resources, expert advice, and mentorship to early-stage companies, including support from world-class corporations, industry advisors and research institutions in the vicinity.

Jereme Kent, CEO of One Energy, remarked, "Global industrial operations are fundamentally reliant on energy, yet innovation in the power and grid sector is notably sluggish. The American entrepreneurial spirit needs to invigorate the power grid, and this Combinator is poised to catalyze that transformation."

Dave Heppner, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Business Development at Marathon, stated, "We believe enabling continued innovation in Northwest Ohio can play an important role in supplying sustainable fuels and energy solutions for many decades to come. As the energy landscape evolves, opportunities and partnerships like the proposed Combinator are critical to advancing the development of ideas and capabilities that support continued success in the American energy industry."

The Combinator is seeking, but has not yet been awarded, a \$15 million grant from the Ohio Department of Development's Innovation Hubs program. This endeavor is part of the broader Innovation Hubs program, designed to position Ohio and the nation as leaders in innovation.

For more information on the Ohio Innovation Hubs program, please visit <u>https://development.ohio.gov/business/third-frontier-and-technology/innovation-hubs</u>.

### **About One Energy**

One Energy is an industrial power company and the largest installer of on-site, behind-the-meter, wind energy in the United States. Recognizing that large energy consumers are fed up with the failings of legacy utilities, One Energy developed modern energy services to control cost and risk, such as Wind for Industry® and ManagedHV® projects. One Energy is building the customer-centric grid of the future. Founded in 2009, One Energy is headquartered in Findlay, Ohio and currently has approximately 75 employees. Learn more about the customer-centric power grid of the future at One Energy's website (www.onepower.com).

On August 15, 2023, One Energy Enterprises Inc. and TortoiseEcofin Acquisition Corp. III (NYSE: TRTL) announced that they have entered into a definitive Business Combination Agreement for a business combination that would result in the combined Company (One Power) to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "ONE".

# About TortoiseEcofin Acquisition Corp. III

TortoiseEcofin Acquisition Corp. III was formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, amalgamation, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or similar business combination.

# Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction (the "Proposed Transaction") between TortoiseEcofin Acquisition Corp. III ("TRTL") and One Energy Enterprises Inc. ("One Energy," the business of which (referred to herein as "One Power"), after consummation, if any (the "Closing") of the Proposed Transaction, will be the business of the "Combined Company," which is expected to be renamed "One Power Company"), which is the subject of the Agreement and Plan of Merger between TRTL, One Energy and certain other parties thereto (the "Merger Agreement"), TRTL intends to file a registration statement on Form S-4 (as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Form S-4" or the "Registration Statement") with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which will include a preliminary proxy statement and a prospectus in connection with the Proposed Transaction. SHAREHOLDERS OF TRTL ARE ADVISED TO READ, WHEN AVAILABLE, THE PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, THE PROSPECTUS AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. HOWEVER, THIS DOCUMENT WILL NOT CONTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. IT IS ALSO NOT INTENDED TO FORM THE BASIS OF ANY INVESTMENT DECISION OR ANY OTHER DECISION IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. When available, the definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents will be mailed to the shareholders of TRTL as of a record date to be established for voting on the Proposed Transaction. Shareholders and other interested persons will also be able to obtain copies of the preliminary proxy statement, the definitive proxy statement, the Registration Statement and other documents filed by TRTL with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference therein, without charge, once available, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

TRTL's shareholders will also be able to obtain a copy of such documents, without charge, by directing a request to: TortoiseEcofin Acquisition Corp. III, 195 US HWY 50, Suite 208, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448; e-mail: IR@trtlspac.com. These documents, once available, can also be obtained, without charge, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

# Participants in the Solicitation

TRTL, One Energy and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies of TRTL's shareholders in connection with the Proposed Transaction. TRTL's shareholders and other interested persons may obtain more detailed information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of certain of TRTL executive officers and directors in the solicitation by reading TRTL's final prospectus filed with the SEC on July 21, 2021, in connection with TRTL's initial public offering, TRTL's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the SEC on March 24, 2022, TRTL's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, as filed with the SEC on March 22, 2023, and TRTL's other filings with the SEC. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the Proposed Transaction, which may, in some cases, be different from those of shareholders generally, will be set forth in the Registration Statement relating to the Proposed Transaction when it becomes available. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the source indicated above.

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