

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Application of Hardin Solar :
Energy LLC for a Certificate : Case No.
of Environmental Compatibility : 17-773-EL-BGN
and Public Need to Construct a :
Solar-Powered Electric Generation:
Facility in Hardin County, Ohio. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Douglas L. Jennings, Administrative Law
Judge, held at the Kenton High School, 200
Harding Avenue, Kenton, Ohio, on Wednesday,
December 6, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

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1 Wednesday Evening,
2 December 6, 2017.

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4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JENNINGS:

5 The Ohio Power Siting Board as assigned for
6 public hearing Case No. 17-773-EL-BGN which is
7 captioned In the Matter of the Application of
8 Hardin Solar Energy LLC for a Certificate of
9 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to
10 Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation
11 Facility in Hardin County, Ohio.

12 My name is Doug Jennings, I am an
13 Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Power
14 Siting Board to preside over this hearing.

15 You may have met two Staff persons,
16 James O'Dell and Matt Butler. They have sign-up
17 sheets for those who wish to testify. If you
18 change your mind feel free to let me know.

19 At this time let's have appearances
20 by the parties.

21 MS. PIRIK: Thank you, Your Honor.
22 On behalf of Hardin Solar Energy LLC Christine
23 Pirik, the law firm of DickinsonWright, 150 East
24 Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
25 I also have a couple gentlemen from the company

1 here and in case anyone has any questions
2 afterwards I am sure they would be happy to
3 answer any questions anybody has.

4 ALJ JENNINGS: Any other
5 appearances?

6 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, Your Honor. My
7 name is Dale Arnold, and I am Director of
8 Energy, Utility and Local Government Policy with
9 Ohio Farm Bureau.

10 We have a motion to intervene, party
11 of first record in the case. I am here just to
12 observe this evening. Thank you.

13 ALJ JENNINGS: Thank you. The
14 subject of today's hearing is Hardin Solar
15 Energy's application to construct a
16 solar-powered electric generation facility in
17 Marion, Roundhead and McDonald Townships in
18 Hardin County, Ohio.

19 The project will consist of numerous
20 ground mounted solar panels on over 1,000 acres
21 of land. It also includes a battery storage
22 facility. The panels will have a capacity to
23 generate up to 150 megawatts of electricity.

24 The Power Siting Board Staff filed
25 a report in this case on November 21th, 2017.

1 After conducting an investigation and review the
2 Staff gave a recommendation to allow Hardin
3 Solar Energy to proceed with the project subject
4 to several conditions.

5 Staff's report serves as a
6 recommendation to the Board, but the Board still
7 has the final decision. An evidentiary hearing
8 is scheduled for December 15, 2017. That will
9 be at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board
10 in Columbus, Ohio.

11 Hardin Solar Energy's application
12 and the Staff report are available for review on
13 the Power Siting website under the case number
14 of this case.

15 The purpose of this hearing is to
16 receive comments from the public regarding the
17 application in this case. I will emphasize that
18 this is not a question and answer session. It
19 is your opportunity to let the Power Siting
20 Board know what you think about the proposal.
21 There are representatives of Hardin Solar
22 Energy, who have been pointed out, who are
23 available for questions after the hearing.
24 Power Siting's Staff is here as well.

25 There is a court reporter who will

1 transcript all statements. The transcript will
2 become part of the record in this case, and it
3 too will be made available for public viewing.

4 The Board reviews these comments
5 prior to making a decision. If you wish to
6 testify please place your name on the sign-up
7 sheet or just raise your hand and let me know
8 and I will call your names in the order that
9 they appear.

10 After I swear you in please state
11 your full name and your affiliation and we will
12 take your testimony.

13 After reconsidering, is there anyone
14 who cares to provide comments or testify about
15 this project?

16 There being no witnesses or comments
17 I believe we may adjourn. Thank you.

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19 (At 6:10 P.M. the hearing was
20 adjourned)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the
proceedings taken by me in this matter on
December 6, 2017, and carefully compared with my
original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Solar Energy LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio, hearing Held on December 6, 2017. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Spencer, Michael O. Mr. and Armstrong & Okey, Inc.