

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Vinton :  
Solar Energy LLC for a Certificate of : Case No. 17-774-EL-BGN  
Environmental Compatibility and Public :  
Need to Construct a Solar-Powered :  
Electric Generation Facility in Vinton :  
County, Ohio. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
JON C. PAWLEY  
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION  
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**Staff Exhibit 2**

**July 27, 2018**

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Jon C. Pawley, and my business address is 180 East Broad  
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.  
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission)  
7 as a Utility Specialist 3 in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
8 Division of the Commission's Rates and Analysis Department. My  
9 position includes assigned duties by the Chairman of the Ohio Power Siting  
10 Board (Board) to investigate applications filed with the Board and assist in  
11 preparing staff reports of investigation.  
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13 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

14 A. I received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Architectural  
15 Technology from SUNY Alfred State College in 1986, a Bachelor of Arts  
16 degree in Environmental Design from the University of Buffalo in 1991,  
17 and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from the Ohio State  
18 University in 1993.  
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20 I have over 30 years of combined work experience, including siting and  
21 regulation matters involving public utilities, community development and  
22 building upgrades. More recently, my responsibilities at the Commission

1 have primarily involved social and cultural resource matters associated with  
2 site planning of major utility facilities in the state of Ohio. I have also been  
3 the Staff lead on numerous applications for a Certificate of Environmental  
4 Compatibility and Public Need before the Board.

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6 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board?

7 A. Yes. I have testified in many cases before the Board concerning Staff's  
8 investigation and report findings and recommendations on proposed siting  
9 projects involving power plants, wind farms, substations, and transmission  
10 lines.

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12 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

13 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was  
14 filed July 5, 2018 in this docket. I am the Staff project lead. I managed the  
15 Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff Report in this case. In  
16 addition, Staff is a signatory party supporting the Joint Stipulation and  
17 Recommendation (Stipulation) filed July 27, 2018 in this docket. Some of  
18 the conditions in the Staff Report have been modified in the Stipulation.  
19 Staff clarifies that it supports the Stipulation which includes the modified  
20 conditions.

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22 6. Q. What kind of case is this?

1           A.     The Applicant proposes to construct, own and operate a solar-powered  
2                   electric generation plus advanced battery storage facility of up to 125  
3                   megawatt (MW) in Vinton County, Ohio.

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5       7.     Q.     Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case?

6           A.     Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site  
7                   visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information  
8                   from the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the  
9                   Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a  
10                  Staff Report that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and  
11                  recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is recom-  
12                  mending that the Board approve the application, subject to the 23 condi-  
13                  tions that are presented in the Stipulation.

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15     8.     Q.     Does this conclude your testimony?

16           A.     Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-  
17                   mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response  
18                   to positions taken by other parties.

## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Jon C. Pawley** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record this 27th day of July, 2018.

/s/ John H. Jones

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