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**Petition to Intervene: Per OAC 4906-2-12 intervention  
Willowbrook Solar Farm, case number 18-1024-EL-BGN.**

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I received an undated General letter in the mail sometime in the middle of December 2018 showing that my property is located inside the general perimeter of a now very developed plan for a proposed 2200 acre solar farm. The Holidays pose difficulty in personal and business communications. Therefore I began my probing into this issue on January 2, 2019. Since January 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2019 I have been working diligently to get caught up on the project, understand solar farming and discern it's affects and opportunity as a land owner inside the general perimeter of the project.

I began working with Matt Butler of the OPSB who introduced me to Doug Herling of Open Road renewables. I have initiated dialogue with both parties which are a part of the public records. I will continue to use that medium to communicate further questions, comments and details.

My residence falls in a very deep pocket inside the general perimeter and scope of the project and appears to have adjacency at the northwest corner of my property to the Solar development. As a whole, this deep pocket also lies directly adjacent to the power station, the key Hub to the Solar Farm. Other than a general regular mail letter, a year or so ago, of a very generic description of a proposed Solar farm in the area, there has been no other attempts from any party, agency, government, neighbor or otherwise to include me in the discussions or planning of the proposed Willowbrook Solar Farm. If, two general mailings of which could not even be verified that I received, and local newspaper articles is within the legal mandates of notice then I suggest that those laws be changed. There are much more effective ways to provide openness, full disclosure, and collaborative opportunity for projects of this magnitude.

I am not against the building of solar farms. I am not a qualified expert to determine that. If it is within the legal boundaries of federal, state and local laws, and is determined to be legitimate, safe and practical use of the environment resources to embrace the inhabitants and those resources, to include but not limited to it's residents, recreation, water, air, plant, animals, beauty and residential interests, then I must trust the professionals for that. It is my understanding that the OPSB is responsible at looking at all aspects of the project from all phases from design through decommissioning. I can only trust that these entities will make the right decisions for the benefit of all.

In the event that the Solar Farm is approved, I would like to take the most positive approach for the benefit of myself and those around me. I think it is reasonable to expect equal, fair, and just opportunity and to share in mutual economic benefits with the Solar Farm Company, government, and neighbors in and around the project.

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**My property and the pocketed properties is mostly flat, mostly clear, with excellent exposure to the south east and west. It is very close to the Power transmission source and in perfect position for economic underground power transmission from far west and north solar fields. My property of approximately 20 acres also has very good existing buildings for office space and maintenance that I would be willing to lease. I believe that my property, in conjunction with adjacent properties could provide optimal economic use of the solar farm. This area is the largest unapproached land pocket directly adjacent to the power station. It does not appear that any strong attempt has been made to the other landowners in this unused prime area within the solar farm area. I think that collaborative discussions with the sub-group of unapproached land owners is the right and sensible thing to do.**

**I would rather have worked these things out with Open Road Renewables before now and refrain from the petition to intervene. However, the lack of time has put me up against the January 14<sup>th</sup> deadline to intervene. So far, everyone has been great to work with in this process...just too little time to work this through before I forfeit the right to intervene and perhaps buy time to work these critical issues out before decisions are made without everything reasonable being considered.**

**Actually, with all the responsibility I have in my life this is a huge time sensitive distraction. However I feel a responsibility to voice my thoughts and feelings. I believe my petition to intervene and testify could be instrumental in improving the implementation of the Solar farm or perhaps improve future project analyzation.**

**My Personal information:**

**I have lived in the Mowrystown area for about 20 years. At the current residence for about 4 years.**

**I am 55 years old.**

**My wife Patti and I have been married for 37+ years and have 7 children who consider this area as Home. I have one child remaining at Home who is attending college. We have homeschooled our children all the way through High School. Both Patti and I have Bachelor's degrees in religious education.**

**I have worked for a manufacturing Company called HAECO in Loveland Ohio for almost 30 years and serve as a Mechanical and Electrical engineer. I am a VP of the Company and have broad experience working with a vast array of people and projects. I have 2 patents and one pending.**

**My wife and I operated a family run local Business called The Pool Barn which served the area with pools, chemicals, products and services for about 15 years before we closed the business.**

**I have since donated the Pool Barn Property to the Church that I have started just north of Mowrystown called Eastside Baptist Church. Though an independent work, we were commissioned by Winchester Baptist Church where we served for many years. I serve as the full time ordained Pastor of the Church as an additional vocation to my work at HAECO. The Church is about 5 years old. All of my work there is voluntary.**

**Thank you for your consideration of intervention,**

**Tim Brinker**