

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
HECATE ENERGY HIGHLAND LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR
AN ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN
MOWRYSTOWN, HIGHLAND COUNTY,
OHIO.

CASE NO. 18-1334-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 22, 2019

{¶ 1} Hecate Energy Highland LLC (Hecate or the Applicant) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).

{¶ 3} On August 31, 2018, Hecate filed a pre-application notice with the Board indicating its intent to file an application to construct an electric generation facility. Thereafter, Hecate filed its formal application on October 10, 2018, which was supplemented on December 6, 2018. Hecate describes the proposed generation facility as a 300 megawatt solar-powered electric generation facility. The proposed generation facility would be located on approximately 2,500 acres in Highland County, Ohio.

{¶ 4} By letter filed on December 10, 2018, the Board notified Hecate that its application was sufficiently complete to permit Staff to commence its review and investigation of the application. The letter directed Hecate, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-07, to serve appropriate government officials and public agencies with copies of the complete, certified application and to file proof of service with the Board. Further, the letter directed Hecate, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(F) and Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-12, to submit the requisite application fee.

{¶ 5} On January 14, 2019, Hecate filed its certificate of service of its accepted and complete application, in accordance with the requirements of Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-07. Hecate also submitted the application fee to the Board, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-12.

{¶ 6} On January 15, 2019, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued an Entry that, among other things, established a procedural schedule. In that Entry, Hecate was directed to file all expert testimony by March 20, 2019, and all other parties were directed to file expert testimony by March 22, 2019.

{¶ 7} On March 22, 2019, Staff filed a motion requesting a brief extension of its testimony filing deadline, indicating that the parties have been engaged in settlement discussions and additional time is needed to finalize a potential agreement. As such, Staff requests that the deadline for its testimony be extended until March 25, 2019. Staff further respectfully requests expedited ruling on this motion pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-27(C), noting that all parties have consented to the granting of this motion on an expedited basis.

{¶ 8} Upon review, the ALJ finds Staff's motion is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, Staff's testimony for this matter should be filed no later than March 25, 2019.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension to file testimony be granted, in accordance with Paragraph 8. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

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/s/ Megan Addison

By: Megan Addison
Administrative Law Judge

SJP/hac

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry granting Staff's motion for an extension to file testimony electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Megan J. Addison, Administrative Law Judge, Power Siting Board of Ohio