

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Angelina Solar I, LLC for a Certificate of	:	
Environmental Compatibility and Public	:	Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN
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**PREFILED SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY  
OF  
Andrew Conway  
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF RATES AND ANALYSIS  
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_\_**

**June 28, 2019**

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

2 A. My name is Andrew Conway. My business address is 180 E. Broad Street,  
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission).

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8 3. Q. Please describe your job title and duties?

9 A. I am employed as an Engineering Specialist in the Siting, Efficiency, and  
10 Renewable Energy Division of the Rates and Analysis Department. In this  
11 position, I review technical issues associated with energy efficiency  
12 applications, renewable energy applications, assigned areas in Applications  
13 for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to  
14 construct major utility facilities and economically significant wind farms,  
15 and other duties.

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17 4. Q. Would you briefly state your educational background and work history?

18 A. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and minor in  
19 Chemistry from the University of Toledo. I am also a registered professional  
20 engineer in the State of Ohio. I attended a Solar Photovoltaic Project Design  
21 and Development workshop in August 2016. I also successfully completed

1 the Electronics Technicians Association (ETA) certified 5-day Photovoltaic  
2 Level 1 Design/Installation Course in January 2017.

3 From 2001 to 2009, I was employed by the Ohio Environmental Protection  
4 Agency as an environmental specialist. From 2009 to present, I have been  
5 employed in my current position at the Commission.

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7 5. Q. Have you previously testified before the OPSB?

8 A. Yes. I previously testified in cases before the Board.

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10 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

11 A. I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted in  
12 the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed April 15, 2019  
13 in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff  
14 Report in this case. I previously filed testimony in this case on May 10, 2019.  
15 Through the negotiation process, staff determined that minor changes to a  
16 few of the original conditions of the Staff Report were reasonable and will  
17 continue to minimize the project's environmental impact.

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19 7. Q. What type of case is this?

20 A. The Applicant proposes to construct an 80 megawatt solar-powered  
21 generating facility located in Israel and Dixon Townships, Preble County,  
22 Ohio.

1     8.     Q.     Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

2           A.     Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site  
3           visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information from  
4           the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the Board  
5           along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a Staff  
6           Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and  
7           recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is recommending  
8           that the Board approve the application, subject to the 27 conditions that are  
9           presented in the Staff Report of Investigation. Furthermore, Staff agrees with  
10          and supports the modifications to the conditions as proposed in the  
11          Stipulation and the two additional conditions discussed in answer 10 below.

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13    9.     Q.     What impacts did Staff review for the project in arriving at this conclusion?

14          A.     Staff reviewed the ecological impacts, residential impacts, cultural resources  
15          impacts, impacts to roads and bridges, impacts to agricultural lands,  
16          geological impacts, financial impacts, noise impacts, safety impacts, impacts  
17          to the electrical grid, and the aesthetic impacts.

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19    10.    Q.     Does the Stipulation include additional conditions that were not contained in  
20          the Staff Report?

21          A.     Yes. There are two new conditions, numbered 28 and 29 added to the  
22          Stipulation. Paragraph 28 requires that the Applicant train local fire and

1 emergency service providers how to respond to emergency or fire situations  
2 that could occur at the project. The other additional condition details  
3 requirements for decommissioning the project. I believe these conditions are  
4 reasonable and do not have any effect on the project's environmental impact.  
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6 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

7 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony,  
8 as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to  
9 positions taken by other parties.  
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## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Pre-filed Testimony of Andrew Conway, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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