

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ATLANTA FARMS SOLAR PROJECT, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO
CONSTRUCT A SOLAR-POWERED
ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY IN
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO.

CASE NO. 19-1880-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 19, 2020

{¶ 1} Atlanta Farms Solar Project, LLC (Atlanta) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} Pursuant to R.C. 4906.04, no person shall construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.04, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 through 4906-4.

{¶ 3} On January 31, 2020, Atlanta filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct 199.6 megawatt solar-powered electric generation facility in Pickaway County, Ohio.

{¶ 4} By Entry issued August 31, 2020, the effective date of the application was established as July 30, 2020, the public hearing scheduled for October 22, 2020, and the adjudicatory hearing scheduled to commence on November 4, 2020. Also, the Entry advised that petitions to intervene would be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4606-3-09, or October 2, 2020, whichever is later.

{¶ 5} On August 7, 2020, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. In its motion, OFBF asserts that it has a real and substantial interest in this matter. More specifically, OFBF asserts that it is a non-profit organization representing agricultural and rural community interests and includes as members hundreds

of families in Pickaway County. OFBF asserts that its members have an interest in solar energy development in order to enhance their income, to ensure construction activities adhere to proper procedures and to address environmental considerations.

{¶ 6} No memorandum contra OFBF's motion to intervene was filed.

{¶ 7} In accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-12, the administrative law judge finds the motion to intervene filed by OFBF is reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That OFBF's motion to intervene be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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/s/ Matthew J. Sandor

By: Matthew J. Sandor
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry granting OFBF's motion to intervene. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of Matthew Sandor, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board