

October 19, 2020

Ms. Tanowa Troupe  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**Re: Case No. 19-1881-EL-BGN, In the Matter of the Application of Madison Fields Solar Project, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Madison County, Ohio.**

**Proof of Publication and Service of Procedural Schedule and Accepted, Complete Application**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Attached please find a copy of the proof of publication attesting that, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.06(C) and the Administrative Law Judge's September 28, 2020 Entry, the first notice of the procedural schedule and the accepted, complete application was published in the *Madison Messenger*, a newspaper of general circulation Madison County, Ohio on October 11, 2020. In addition, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1), the initial written notice was also served on October 2, 2020.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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# NOTICE OF PROPOSED UTILITY FACILITY

Madison Fields Solar Project, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Savion, LLC, is proposing to build the Madison Fields Solar Project, a solar-powered generation facility located in Pike Township, Madison County, Ohio. The facility will have a maximum total project generating capacity of up to 180 megawatts. The purpose of the facility is to generate electricity and its anticipated function is to supply renewable energy.

Madison Fields filed its application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility in OPSB Case No. 19-1881-EL-BGN. A copy of the application is available on the OPSB website at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=19-1881&link=DIVA> and Madison Fields' website at <https://www.madisonfieldssolarproject.com/>.

On September 28, 2020, the OPSB established the procedural schedule in this case. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed facility. Due to the continued state of emergency, and given the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 197, the local public and adjudicatory hearings will both be held using remote access technology that facilitate participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet. Therefore, the public hearing in Madison Fields' OPSB case shall consist of two parts and will use remote access technology that facilitates participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet:

(1) A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), will be held on December 3, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

(a) Persons that wish to provide testimony regarding the project or that plan to join the remote access event must:

- Register with the Consumer Call Center for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) before 12:00 p.m. on December 2, 2020, by calling 1-800-686-7826 or by using the OPSB's online comment form at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/events/madison-fields-public-hearing>
- Individuals who have registered to testify will be asked to speak beginning shortly after 6:00 p.m. All those registered to testify should be prepared to speak at that time.
- If access or other issues are experienced during the local public hearing, individuals should immediately use the chat function within WebEx or contact the OPSB's legal department at 1-614-466-6843 for assistance.

(b) Interested individuals who wish to attend the public hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling +1-408-418-9388 and entering access code 173 624 6802. The local public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio>.

Additional information is available by viewing the OPSB's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/cases/19-1881-el-bgn> or by calling the PUCO's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

(2) An adjudicatory hearing to commence on December 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the OPSB's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/help-center/contact-us>, by electronic mail to [contactOPSB@puc.ohio.gov](mailto:contactOPSB@puc.ohio.gov), or by mail to the OPSB 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Written comments should reference Case No. 19-1881-EL-BGN.

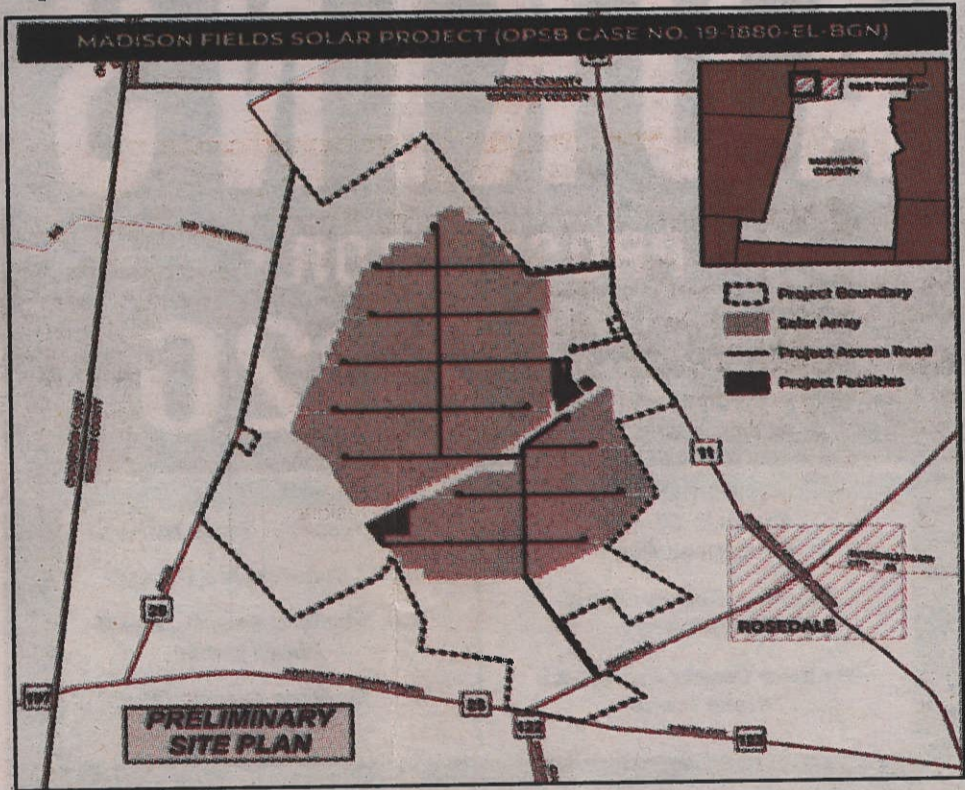
The following officials have received electronic copies of the accepted complete application filed with the OPSB: Madison County Commissioners; Madison County Engineer; Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District; Board of Trustees for Pike Township; and Fairfield Local School District. In addition, the following libraries were sent an electronic copy of the application, as well as notices to post regarding the application: London Public Library, 20 E. First St., London, OH 43140; Mount Sterling Public Library, 60 W. Columbus St., Mt. Sterling, OH 43143; Plain City Public Library, 305 W. Main Street, Plain City, OH 43064; Hurt-Battelle Memorial Library, 270 Lilly Chapel Rd., West Jefferson, OH 43162. A copy of the application is also available for inspection at the OPSB offices, 180 E. Broad St., 11th floor, Columbus, OH 43215, 1-866-270-6772, and is available on the OPSB website at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=19-1881&link=DIVA> and Madison Fields' website at <https://www.madisonfieldssolarproject.com/>.

In reviewing an application to construct, operate, and maintain a generation facility, such as the facility proposed by Madison Fields, the OPSB considers the following criteria set forth in Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4906.10(A): (1) The nature of the probable environmental impact; (2) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations; (3) That the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (4) That the facility will comply with R.C. 3704, 3734, and 6111 and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under R.C. 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32; (5) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (6) What the facility's impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under R.C. 929 that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility; and (7) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the OPSB, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

R.C. 4906.07(C) provides that the chairperson of the OPSB shall cause each application filed with the OPSB to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the OPSB and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to R.C. 4906.10(A) and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

In accordance with R.C. 4906.08(C), the OPSB shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the OPSB may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony. Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing are due not later than November 19, 2020. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 19-1881-EL-BGN.

The following map shows the proposed layout of the Madison Fields facility. An online version of the map and a link to additional detailed maps can be found here: <https://www.madisonfieldssolarproject.com/>.



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