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Subject: Letter of support

Good morning,

See attached letter of support.

Thanks, Alan Baker

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December 23, 2020

Ohio Power Siting Board Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E Broad St Columbus, OH 43215

Re: AEUG Union Solar, LLC Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public

Need for the Union Solar Project Case Number: 20-1405-EL-BGN

I am writing in support of Acciona's Union Solar Project (the "Project") that will be located in Union County, Ohio.

This Project will be a great opportunity that will provide benefits to Union County and its residents for years to come. This new industry will create opportunities for economic growth and the ability to diversify our economy. The Project will bring a number of economic benefits to an area hit extremely hard this past year by the COVID-19 pandemic, including hundreds of construction jobs in the near term, permanent jobs, significant additional tax revenue, lease payments for landowners, new opportunities for local merchants to provide goods and services, and an overall boost to the local economy. These benefits are realized without an increase in demand for schools and other public services like police and fire protection, which often accompany other forms of development.

Solar development is also unique in that it should be viewed as a temporary land use change, because at the end of the Project's useful life, the land will be returned to the landowners and their families in the same condition as when it was originally leased.

An economic jolt like this does not come around too often, and for rural areas and small towns, this means a large and positive impact on the quality of life. To me, Union Solar is a welcome business "neighbor."

I urge the Power Siting Board to issue the Certificate to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

Alan Baker, Trustee The Baker Family Trust This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

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