

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF HECATE ENERGY HIGHLAND 4 LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED.

CASE NO. 20-1288-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 21, 2021

{¶ 1} Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC (Hecate) 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 first obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.06, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 through 4906-4.

{¶ 3} On September 2, 2020, Hecate filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a major utility facility (Project).

{¶ 4} On November 18, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a prehearing and hearing calendar in the case. Among other findings, that Entry established (1) the deadline for filing motions to intervene, (2) Hecate's deadline for filing its factual and expert testimony by January 15, 2021, and (3) the date of the evidentiary hearing on January 25, 2021.

{¶ 5} On December 21, 2020, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) filed a motion to intervene in the case, asserting that it has a real and substantial interest on behalf of its members, and that its involvement in the case will not cause undue delay or prejudice any existing party. The motion to intervene has not been opposed.

{¶ 6} On January 15, 2021, the ALJ granted Hecate's unopposed motion for extension of time for filing testimony, which was filed on January 14, 2021, based on

Hecate's assertion that ongoing settlement negotiations may result in the filing of a joint stipulation.

{¶ 7} For good cause shown, the ALJ finds that OFBF's timely and unopposed motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 8} The ALJ further finds that the evidentiary hearing on January 25, 2021, will commence at 10:00 a.m. via remote hearing technology. Anyone interested in attending the hearing as a non-party can access the hearing using the link <http://bit.ly/20-1288-EVH>, and entering the password OPSB, or by calling 1-408-418-9388, and entering access code/event number 173 240 9335. Instructions for participation by the parties in the evidentiary hearing will be sent to counsel at their email addresses of record prior to the event.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That OFBF's motion to intervene be granted as stated in Paragraph 7. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That access to the evidentiary hearing via remote hearing technology be granted as stated in Paragraph 8. It is, further,

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

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/s/Michael L. Williams

By: Michael L. Williams
Administrative Law Judge

SJP/hac

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that OFBF's motion to intervene be granted and ordering that access to the evidentiary hearing via remote hearing technology be granted electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Michael L. Williams, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board