## BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Birch Solar 1, LLC ) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and ) Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric ) Generation Facility in Allen and Auglaize Counties, ) Ohio. )

Case No: 20-1605-EL-BGN

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF ACCEPTED, COMPLETE APPLICATION ON LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND LIBRARIES

On February 12, 2021, as supplemented on March 25 and 31, 2021, and April 5, 2021, Birch Solar 1, LLC ("Applicant"), filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a 300-megawatt alternating current solar-powered electric generation facility in Shawnee Township, Allen and Auglaize Counties, Ohio ("Application").

On July 14, 2021, the OPSB filed a letter in the docket finding that the Application is in compliance Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C.") Chapters 4906-01, et seq.

In accordance with O.A.C. Rule 4906-3-07(A)(4), the undersigned certifies that on July 27, 2021, a copy of the accepted, complete application was served in compliance with O.A.C. Rules 4906-3-07(A)(1) and (2).

Pursuant to O.A.C. Rule 4906-3-07(A)(1), the Applicant served the chief executive officer of each municipal corporation, county, township, and the head of each public agency charged with the duty of protecting the environment or of planning land use in the area where the Project is located with a letter that provided electronic access to the Application. The Applicant provided hard copies of the Application to Allen and Auglaize Counties at their request, and will also be providing them with hard copies of the supplements. Further, in accordance with the OPSB's July 14, 2021 letter, these individuals were informed that, if they wish to intervene in the proceeding, they must file a

notice of intervention with the OPSB within 30 days of being served a copy of the letter. All individuals served were provided notice that hard copies of the Application will be made available upon request. The officials served were:

Clark Spieles Shawnee Trustee 925 Daniels Lima, OH 45805

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Brion E. Rhodes Allen County Engineer 1501 North Sugar St Lima, OH 45801 In addition, in compliance with O.A.C. Rule 4906-3-07(A)(2), notice of the availability of the Application was placed with the main public library of each political subdivision and an electronic copy of the Application was sent to the main public library. Notice to the library provided instructions on how to obtain an electronic or paper copy of the Application, and that the Application is available for inspection at the offices of the Applicant and the OPSB. The libraries served were Lima Public Library and Auglaize County Libraries.

The Applicant also maintains electronic access to the Application on its website, along with information on how to request a paper copy of the Application, in accordance with O.A.C. Rule 4906-3-07(B).

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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