

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Kingwood Solar I LLC for a Certificate	:	Case No. 21-0117-EL-BGN
of Environmental Compatibility and	:	
Public Need.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF**

**Jess Stottsberry**

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO,  
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_\_\_**

**February 28, 2022**

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Jess Stottsberry, and my business address is 180 East Broad  
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.  
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a  
7 Utility Specialist 2 in the Power Siting Department.  
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9 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

10 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology (1998) from Marietta  
11 College. I worked in the private industry as an oilfield geologist from May  
12 1998 to January 2000. I then began employment in January 2000 with the  
13 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Central Office - Division of  
14 Drinking and Ground Waters where I worked as a geologist in the  
15 Underground Injection Control Unit for 21 years. I transferred to PUCO in  
16 January 2021 to work as a Utility Specialist. My responsibilities during this  
17 time have primarily involved review of Ohio Power Siting Board (Board)  
18 cases with focus on geology and hydrogeology.  
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20 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board.

21 A. Yes.  
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1 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

2 A. I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)  
3 that was filed in the docket of this case on October 29, 2021.  
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5 6. Q. What was your role in this case?

6 A. I am responsible for the Staff Report section titled Geology.  
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8 7. Q. Are you responsible for any conditions in the Staff Report? If so, which  
9 ones?

10 A. Yes. I am responsible for conditions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.  
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12 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

13 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental  
14 testimony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in  
15 response to positions taken by other parties.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the **Direct Testimony of Jess Stottsberry** has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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