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August 28, 2017

Doug Herling
Hillcrest Solar I, LLC
1105 Navasota Street
Austin, TX 78702

Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

Case: Hillcrest Solar Farm

Case Number: 17-1152-EL-BGN

Dear Doug Herling:

This letter is to inform you that the above referenced application, filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) on June 29, 2017, has been found to comply with Chapters 4906-01, et seq., of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). This means the Board's Staff has received sufficient information to begin its review of this application. During the course of its investigation, the Staff may request additional information to ensure a full and fair assessment of this project.

Pursuant to Board rules, the certified application and supplements must now be filed with the Board in accordance with the provisions of OAC Rules 4906-3-06 and 4906-3-07. In summary form, these rules require:

1. Serving copies of the certified application upon appropriate government officials and public agencies. In this regard, please inform these officials in writing that if they wish to intervene in the proceedings they must file a notice of intervention with the Board within thirty days of being served a copy of the application.
2. Filing Proof of Service with the Board.

Upon completion of these requirements, you will be notified of the effective date of filing and the date and location of the public hearing.

Please be informed that under Section 4906.04 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the applicant shall not commence to construct any portion of the facility prior to obtaining a certificate from the Board.

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Also be informed that to assist your company in meeting the provisions of Ohio Power Siting Board rules, the Board will serve as a clearinghouse for the distribution to and service of the application and supplements upon the following state agencies:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Ohio Department of Agriculture
Ohio Development Services Agency
Ohio Department of Health
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ohio Department of Transportation
Ohio Historical Society

Upon filing, pursuant to ORC Section 4906.06(F) and OAC Rule 4906-3-12, the amount of \$62,500.00 as an application fee is due.

Please file Proof of Payment in the Docket. Attachment A, with the date the check was mailed shall be considered sufficient proof.

The check should be designated by case number 17-1152-EL-BGN and be payable to:

Treasurer, State of Ohio
Fund 5610, Power Siting

Please send the check along with Attachment A to:

Treasurer, State of Ohio
L-3603
Columbus, OH 43260-3603



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Depending on the complexity of the staff investigation, the application fee may not cover all costs associated with this case. Additional invoicing may be necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Ray Strom at (614) 466-7707 or Grant Zeto at 1-866-270-6772.

Sincerely,

Patrick Donlon
Director, Rates and Analysis
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

cc: Jason Cross, Rates and Analysis



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ATTACHMENT A

Ohio Power Siting Board Application Filing Fee

Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

Case Number: 17-1152-EL-BGN

Project Name: Hillcrest Solar Farm

Application Fee: \$62,500.00

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS ATTACHMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Make Checks Payable To:

Treasurer, State of Ohio
Fund 5610

Mailing Address:

Treasurer, State of Ohio
L-3603
Columbus, OH 43260-3603

Speed code	Deposit Unit	GL Unit	Fund	Deposit Unit	GL Unit
PUCPSITING	PUC01	STATE	5610	PUC01	STATE

Fund	Account Code	ALI	Department	Program	Agency Use	ISTV Xref
5610	425049	N/A	PUC701310	N/A	N/A	N/A

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