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December 1, 2017

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: OPSB Case No. 17-1152-EL-BGN
Hillcrest Solar I, LLC
Proof of Publication

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Please find attached a copy of the affidavit from The News Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in Brown County, Ohio indicating that the attached "Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility" was published one time on November 16, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen M. Howard
Attorney for Hillcrest Solar I, LLC

SMH/jaw
Enclosure

cc: Chad Endsley (w/encl.)

The State of Ohio
Brown County, ss:

Personally appeared before me, the under-
signed authority, within and for said County,
DIANNA FISCHER, Chief Financial Officer.

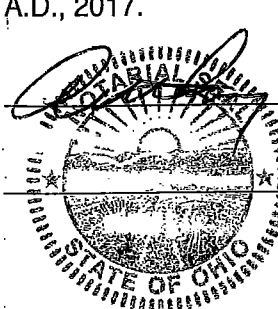
The News Democrat

a weekly newspaper published and of gen-
eral circulation in said County, and made
oath that the annexed advertisement was
published in said newspaper once a week for
1 consecutive numbers, commencing
on the 16th day of Nov., A.D., 2017
and that each insertion was upon the same
day of each week, viz: Thursday.

Dianna Fischer

Charges, \$ 228.38

Sworn to and described before me, this
16th day of November
A.D., 2017.

 Anthony S Adams
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires May 31, 2020

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Hillcrest Solar I, LLC ("Hillcrest") is proposing to construct and operate the Hillcrest Solar Farm which is a proposed solar-powered electric generation facility of up to 125 megawatts (alternating current) capacity in Green Township, Brown County, Ohio. Hillcrest seeks to construct and operate this project within an approximately 2,100-acre area bounded on the west by U.S. Highway 68, on the south by Greenbush Road, on the east by Brown-Highland County line, and on the north by Upper 5 Mile East Road. The general purpose of this project is to use large arrays of ground-mounted photovoltaic ("PV") modules, commonly known as solar panels, to generate clean and renewable electricity for consumers in Southwestern Ohio.

Located approximately 30 miles due east of Cincinnati, the Hillcrest Solar Farm will supply wholesale power to Duke Energy Ohio's 138 kilovolt Hillcrest substation which is located approximately three miles north of the Village of Mt. Orab and immediately east of the Village of Greenbush.

The Hillcrest Solar Farm will generate direct electric current using solar panels. Direct electric current will be converted to alternating electric current and the voltage will be increased. The electricity will be gathered through a network of buried wires at a project-level electric substation. The substation then will increase the voltage and deliver the power through a short, buried transmission line to the utility substation.

Hillcrest has filed with Ohio Power Siting Board (Board or Power Siting Board) an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct the Hillcrest Solar Farm in Case No. 17-1152-EL-BGN, now pending before the Board.

The public hearing shall consist of two parts:

(A) A local public hearing in which the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person commenting on the proposed generating facility on November 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Countryside Inn & Suites, 100 Leininger Street, Mount Orab, Ohio 45154-8354 and

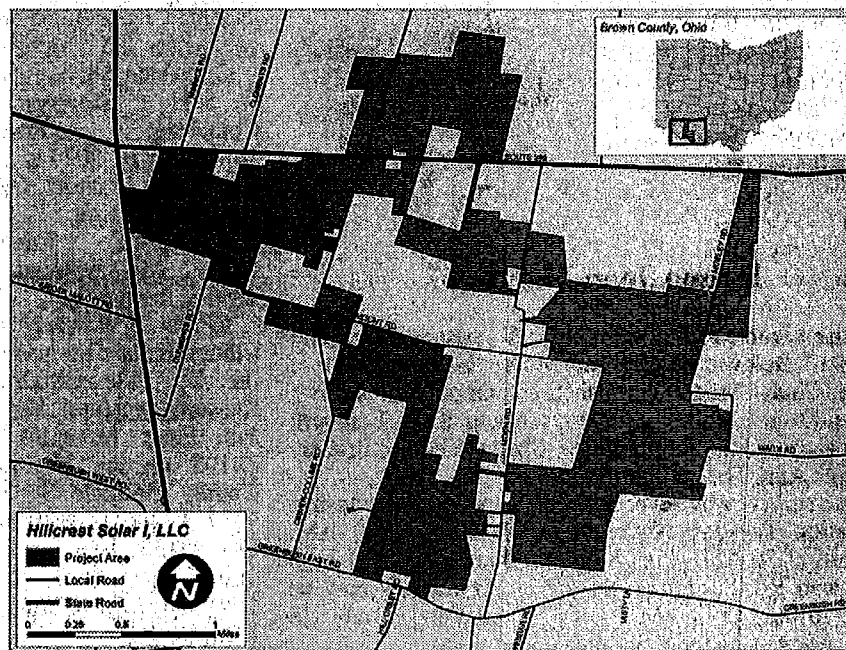
(B) An adjudicatory hearing to commence on December 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11D, at the Offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed facility.

The initial notice of this application as required by Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) of the Ohio Administrative Code was by letter dated September 26, 2017.

On November 3, 2017, Hillcrest filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board a Notice Regarding Modification of Project Footprint which added an approximate 6.1 acre area of an 8.45 acre parcel to the project footprint.

The map below shows the location and general layout of the proposed facility including the additional 6.1 acre modification.



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