

July 11, 2018

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**Re: Case No. 17-774-EL-BGN, In the Matter of the Application of Vinton Solar Energy LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Vinton County, Ohio.**

**Proof of Publication**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1), Vinton Solar Energy LLC published and served notice of the application and procedural schedule for this matter. Attached please find a copy of the proof of publication attesting that notice of the accepted, complete application was published in *The Vinton County Courier*, a newspaper of general circulation in Vinton County, on June 27, 2018.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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I personally appeared for me, a Notary Public in and for Vinton County, Ohio. Tom Leake, Legal Representative of The Vinton County Courier and made oath that an advertisement, a copy of which is hereto attached, was published in The Vinton County Courier, a newspaper printed in and of general circulation in said county, 1 consecutive week, the first publication being on the 27th day of June, 2018, and the last publication on the 27th day of June, 2018, and that the said paper was during that time printed and published in said county.

Tom Leake  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
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# Notice of Proposed Solar-Powered Utility Facility

Vinton Solar Energy LLC ("Vinton"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Invenergy Solar Development North America LLC, is proposing to construct a solar-powered generation facility located in Vinton County, Ohio. The proposed project is a solar field producing up to 125 megawatts of electricity, located in Vinton County, Ohio, in the township of Elk. The Vinton Solar Energy Project will produce clean, renewable, reliably-priced, low-cost electricity to the Ohio bulk power transmission grid.

The following map shows the proposed layout of the Vinton Solar facility



On July 6, 2017, as supplemented, Vinton filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility in OPSB Case No. 17-774-ELBGN. Subsequently, on November 16, 2017 Vinton filed a motion to toll the procedural time line. On June 21, 2018, the OPSB reestablished the procedural time line in the case.

The following officials have received electronic copies of the accepted complete application filed with the OPSB: Vinton County Commissioners, Vinton County Development Department; MacArthur, Mayor James Woodell; MacArthur, Village Council; Village of Zaleski, Mayor, Doug Heitman; Village of Zaleski Council, and Elk Township, Board of Trustees, Jerry Scarberry, Roy Robinette, and Terry Walker. In addition, the following library was sent an electronic copy of the application, as well as notices to post regarding the application: Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library, 120 North Market Street, MacArthur, OH 45651. A copy of the application is also available for inspection at the OPSB offices, 180 E. Broad St., 11th floor, Columbus, OH 43215, 1-866-270-6772, and is available on the OPSB website at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=17-774&x=17&y=11> and Vinton Solar's website at [www.invenergyllc.com](http://www.invenergyllc.com).

In reviewing an application to construct, operate, and maintain a facility, such as the facility proposed by Vinton Solar, the OPSB considers the following 8 criteria set forth in Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4906.10(A): (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline; (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact; (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations; (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (5) That the facility will comply with R.C. 3704.3734, and 6111 and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under R.C. 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under R.C. 4561.32, the OPSB shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under R.C. 4561.341; (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (7) In addition to the provisions contained in R.C. 4906.10(A)(1) to (6) and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under R.C. 929 that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under R.C. 4906.10(A)(7) shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site; and (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the OPSB, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

R.C. 4906.07(A) provides that upon the receipt of an application complying with R.C. 4906.06, the OPSB shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than 60 nor more than 90 days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable. The public hearing in Vinton Solar's OPSB case shall consist of two parts:

1. A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the OPSB shall accept written or oral testimony from any person, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on July 24, 2018, at the Vinton County Community Building, 31935 State Route 93, MacArthur, OH 45651.
2. An adjudicatory hearing to commence on August 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.

R.C. 4906.07(C) provides that the chairperson of the OPSB shall cause each application filed with the OPSB to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the OPSB and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to R.C. 4906.10(A) and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

In accordance with R.C. 4906.08(C), the OPSB shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties.

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