

Public comment 18-1578

Case Record – 18-1578-EL-BGN

Dear OPSB board members,

We are opposed to the proposed development of the Alamo Solar Facility in Preble County Eaton Ohio.

The proposed project would have a negative impact on crop production in Preble County. Preble County has good land for growing crops. Other non-productive lands should be considered for Solar projects.

We bought our property on 386 Mann Rd 20 years ago because of the surrounding natural habitat that supported our local wildlife. We are wildlife enthusiast who enjoy the natural beauty of the outdoors and do not wish to have that taken from us.

I do respect my neighbors and their interest but would also like to consider the future of Gasper Township and how it will continue to support our community in the next 40 years.

The proposed sites are located north of my property and to my understanding, the installation of the solar fields will require fracturing the water table which could have a negative impact on our drinking water.

Additionally, this project would have a significant negative impact on the property values in our township.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Shawn Stringfield

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Dear OPSB Board Members:

We are writing in opposition to the proposed Alamo Solar Panel Project near Eaton in Preble County, Ohio. We received a letter in November 2018 stating that there was a proposal for a solar farm south of Eaton. The letter was very vague and did not mention any of the roads that were included. There was no indication that this would directly impact our property. Our property is on 2042 Gasper Rd Eaton, Ohio in Gasper Township.

Our concern is how this proposed project will affect our property value. We built our five bedroom home in 2011 in a beautiful rural area of farmland and woods. We wanted to raise our four children in the country. The proposed Alamo Project would be behind our property and decimate the view in our backyard and surrounding area. A representative from Open Roads Reneables said that this should have no impact on the value of our home. The roads, that we as a family take walks on, will be vastly covered in solar panels and chain length fences around them. If we would have known about this upcoming project, we would never have built our home in this area. We have no desire to look at solar panels and would like to sell our home now. How can we do that if this proposed project goes through without taking a loss on our home? I am not sure how we will bring in potential buyers with solar panels surrounding our home.

In our backyard we have seen deer, coyotes, fox, raccoons, opossums and other animals. There is a woods across the road from us. What will happen to the animals when there is nothing but solar panels and chain length fences? What impact will this have on their habitat and our property?

Another concern that we have is that the proposed Alamo project is not even providing electricity to our area. This is to provide electricity for 13 states. Why do they need to come into our area and wreak havoc on our lives to provide other areas with electricity?

We realize that this is a financial win for the farmers who have decided to sign with Open Road Renewables. This however is not beneficial to everyone. I hope that you will consider our rights as property owners that are against the proposed Alamo Solar Project.

Thank you,

Jason Heggs
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