

A public comment for filing

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The recommendation against the solar power proposal for southern Ohio is short-sighted. Ohio very much needs to develop its clean energy capacity, both to appeal to business looking to locate in the state, and for the health and well-being of Ohio's people and their natural resources, both of which are harmed by carbon emissions.

During the prolonged uncertainty about (and the fight against) the renewable portfolio standards, new investment turned away from Ohio. Many states are passing programs to reduce their carbon emissions rapidly; the increasing call for a fee on carbon (on this date, a large number of credentialed economists advocated such a fee in the Wall Street Journal) puts them in a much more competitive position compared to Ohio.

The Commission has the right to determine what factors are weighed as part of the determination of "need". Please consider the benefits of clean/renewable energy in your determination of "need."

Thank you.

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