

January 24, 2019

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

Re: Case No. 18-1360-EL-BGN, In the Matter of the Application of Hardin Solar Energy II LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio

Proof of Publication and Service of Accepted, Complete Application

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Attached please find a copy of the proof of publications attesting that, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.06(C), the first notice of the accepted, complete application was published in *The Ada Herald* and *The Kenton Times*, two newspapers of general circulation in Hardin County. In addition, the initial notice has been served in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1).

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF OHIO}

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COUNTY OF HARDIN}

Newspaper's manager or publisher, being duly sworn, says:

That he is the Editor of the Ada Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Ada, Hardin County, Ohio; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper.

DATE: 1/17/19

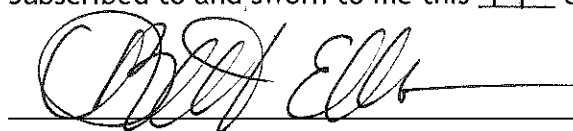
That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED BY:

EDITOR SIGNATURE:



Subscribed to and sworn to me this 17th day of January 2019



Notary Public, Putnam County Ohio

My commission expires: 12/20/2022



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The thermometer’s rising

It may be snowy and cold but the Hardin County United Way thermometer in Ada is rising to 81 percent of their goal of \$220,000.00. Board members, A.J. Hatem and Nicolle Merkel, both on staff of Ohio Northern University are pictured here. There is great hope of making goal so please consider a donation today to fund Hardin County agencies. United Way division contributions are as follows; Agriculture - \$6956.52, Education - \$8599.00, Event - \$8965.00, F.I.R.E. (Finance, Insurance, Real Estate) - \$22,651.73, Government - \$2015.00, Industry - \$89,211.81, Out of County - \$11,868.15, Professional - \$8,578.27, Retail - \$3056.56, Special Gifts - 15,125.00, Memorial - \$90.00. this is a total of \$177,117.04. (Photo submitted)

Spelman

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So in class they focus on “personal responsibility” in reducing their carbon footprints.

Professor Spelman said all sorts of ideas are bandied about: shorter showers, planting more trees (carbon sink), cutting the thermostat back, bicycling and walking more, going to LED lighting, using a push mower without an engine...

Professor Spelman uses one of those.

According to the EPA, traditional gas powered lawn mowers are roughly responsible for five percent of the nation’s air pollution. This was reported in the Boulder, Colorado, “Daily Camera” newspaper.

Boulder is practically left of the Green Party (and that’s hard to do) when it comes to environmental consciousness. And, as coincidence would have it, Professor Spelman, his wife and three children, recently moved here from Boulder – bringing some of that conservation ethos with them.

Besides the engineless lawn mower, the family regularly walks and bicycles around town, and the professor carools to ONU from Bluffton.

In philosophical parlance, if the environmental consciousness grows out of one’s moral compass, if you will, this becomes one’s “virtue ethic.”

And, said the professor, people are often inspired by what philosophers refer to as

“moral exemplars” in specific areas. That is, by people ‘walking the walk,’ or sometimes not.

Take Al Gore.

He’s become the ‘canary in the coal mine’ for climate change.

The professor pointed out that Gore drives around the country, jets around the world, giving compelling, ‘inconvenient’ presentations on global warming.

But where the rubber doesn’t seem to meet the ‘moral exemplar road’ with Gore, is that he’s ‘driving’ all over, jetting all over, the professor continued.

What’s more, Gore’s 10,070 square foot estate in Nashville, Tennessee, according to the Washington Times newspaper, expends more than 21 times the energy of the average U.S. home.

Spelman said students see something like the latter as disingenuous. And it makes them wonder how serious the problem of climate change really is.

While the professor can’t answer for them as a climate scientist, what he can do, and does, is help open students’ minds to deeper realities, not only around the possible problems, but even more importantly, around the possible solutions.

Then the ‘philosophical ball,’ not to mention walking, for some, the attendant “virtue ethic” walk, is squarely in their court.

Addiction

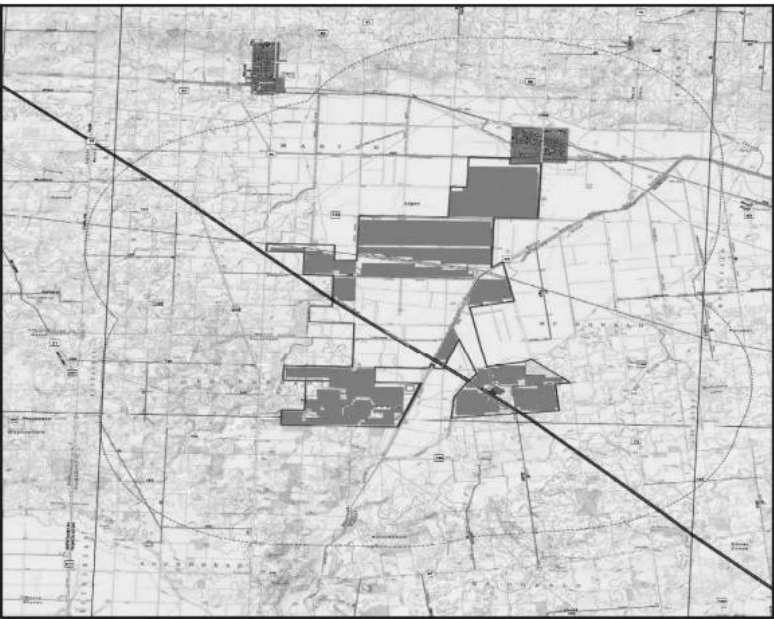
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Note: In his Mayor’s Annual Report last week, Dave Retterer said one of the biggest 2019 challenges facing Ada going forward is “...drug traffic into and within the village.” He said that while, indeed, this is a “global problem,” it can also be addressed locally with good law enforcement, courts, and other organizations. One of those other ‘organizations’ is right in Ada’s backyard and deals with, perhaps, the biggest of all drug problems in the country currently.

Notice of Proposed Solar-Powered Utility Facility

Hardin Solar Energy II LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Invenergy Solar Development North America LLC, is proposing to construct a solar-powered generation facility located in Hardin County, Ohio. The proposed project is a solar field producing up to 170 megawatts of electricity, located in Hardin County, Ohio, in the townships of Marion, Roundhead, and McDonald. This will be the second phase of the Hardin Solar Energy Center. The Hardin Solar Energy II 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 Hardin Solar II facility



Hardin Solar Energy II, LLC 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. 18-1360-EL-BGN. The following officials have received electronic copies of the accepted complete application filed with the OPSB: Hardin County Commissioners; Hardin County Regional Planning; Mayor of the City of Kenton; Kenton City Council; City of Kenton, Office of Regional Planning; Village of Alger Administrators; Village of McGuffey; and Board of Trustees for the townships of Marion, McDonald, and Roundhead. In addition, the following libraries were sent an electronic copy of the application, as well as notices to post regarding the application: Mary Lou Johnson Hardin County District Library, 325 E. Columbus St., Kenton, OH 43326; Ada Public School District Library, 320 N. Main St. Ada, OH 45810; and Alger Public Library, 100 W. Wagner St., Alger, OH 45812. 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=18-1360&link=DI-VA> and Hardin Solar II’s website at www.invenergyllc.com.

In reviewing an application to construct, operate, and maintain a facility, such as the facility proposed by Hardin Solar II, 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 Hardin Solar II’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 March 14, 2019, at the Kenton High School, 200 Harding Ave., Kenton, OH 43326.
- (2) An adjudicatory hearing to commence on March 28, 2019, 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. However, the OPSB may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony. Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following service of the notice required by Ohio R.C. 4906.06(C), or by February 15, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 18-1360-EL-BGN.

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Hardin County Council on Aging, Inc.

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- Homemaker Service
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- Socialization
- Transportation Service

100 Memorial Ave.,
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Mission statement: To improve the quality of life for those 60 and over in Hardin County

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Proof of Publication


The State of Ohio, Hardin County, ss:

Personally Appeared Before Me, a Notary Public in and for said County, David Barnes a representative of **The Kenton Times**, a news paper printed and in general circulation in the County and State aforesaid, who, after being sworn, deposeth and saith that the Advertisement, a true copy of which is hereunto annexed, was published in the said paper on the following dates in the year 2019:

Jan. 16, 2019



David Barnes, General Manager
Subscribed and sworn to me, this 16th
day of January 2019.



Notary Public, Hardin County, Ohio
My commission expires Jan. 12, 2022

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Summary: Proof of Pub and Service of Accepted, Complete Application electronically filed by Christine M.T. Pirik on behalf of Hardin Solar Energy II LLC