

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Hecate Energy Highland LLC for a	:	
Certificate of Environmental	:	
Compatibility and Public Need to	:	Case No. 18-1334-EL-BGN
Construct a Solar-Powered Electric	:	
Generating Facility in Highland County,	:	
Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Robert Holderbaum
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

Staff Exhibit 1

March 25, 2019

1 **1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.**

2 A. My name is Robert A. Holderbaum, and my business address is 180 East
3 Broad Street, Columbus OH 43215.

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5 **2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?**

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a
7 Utility Specialist 2 in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy Division
8 of the PUCO's Rates and Analysis Department.

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10 **3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.**

11 A. I received a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Policy and Planning
12 from Ohio University, in Athens, Ohio. I have been employed by the PUCO
13 since September 2012. My responsibilities during this time have primarily
14 involved review and analysis of Power Siting cases.

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16 **4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
17 Board?**

18 A. Yes, I testified to sponsor the Staff Reports of Investigation in four other
19 cases.

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21 **5. Q. What kind of a case is this?**

1 A. The Applicant proposes to develop, finance, construct, own, and operate a
2 solar-powered generating facility with a capacity of 300 MW in Highland
3 County, Ohio.

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5 **6. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case?**

6 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
7 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information from
8 the Applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the Board
9 along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a Staff
10 Report that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations. As
11 a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is recommending that the Board
12 approve the application, subject to the 28 conditions that are presented in the
13 stipulation.

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15 **7. Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to make to the Staff Report of**
16 **Investigation?**

17 A. Yes, Staff is submitting an updated map of the project.

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19 **8. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

20 A. With my testimony, I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff
21 Report) filed March 4, 2019, in the docket of this case. In addition, I note

1 that Staff supports the Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) that
2 was filed in the docket of this case.

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4 **9. Q. Please identify the signatory parties to the Stipulation.**

5 A. The Commission Staff, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and the Company
6 Hecate Energy Highland, LLC, are the signatory parties to the Stipulation.

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8 **10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

9 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
10 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
11 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Robert A. Holderbaum** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 25th day of March, 2019.

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