

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of :
Angelina Solar I, LLC for a Certificate of :
Environmental Compatibility and Public : Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Andrew Conway
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RATES AND ANALYSIS
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

Staff Ex. ____

May 10, 2019

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

2 A. My name is Andrew Conway. My business address is 180 E. Broad Street,
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission).

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8 3. Q. Please describe your job title and duties?

9 A. I am employed as an Engineering Specialist in the Siting, Efficiency, and
10 Renewable Energy Division of the Rates and Analysis Department. In this
11 position, I review technical issues associated with energy efficiency
12 applications, renewable energy applications, assigned areas in Applications
13 for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to
14 construct major utility facilities and economically significant wind farms,
15 and other duties.

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17 4. Q. Would you briefly state your educational background and work history?

18 A. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and minor in
19 Chemistry from the University of Toledo. I am also a registered professional
20 engineer in the State of Ohio. I attended a Solar Photovoltaic Project Design
21 and Development workshop in August 2016. I also successfully completed

1 the Electronics Technicians Association (ETA) certified 5-day Photovoltaic
2 Level 1 Design/Installation Course in January 2017.

3 From 2001 to 2009, I was employed by the Ohio Environmental Protection
4 Agency as an environmental specialist. From 2009 to present, I have been
5 employed in my current position at the Commission.

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7 5. Q. Have you previously testified before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board)?

8 A. Yes. I previously testified in cases before the Board.

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10 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

11 A. I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted in
12 the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed April 15, 2019
13 in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff
14 Report in this case.

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16 7. Q. What type of case is this?

17 A. The Applicant proposes to construct an 80 megawatt solar-powered
18 generating facility located in Israel and Dixon Townships, Preble County,
19 Ohio.

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21 8. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

1 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
2 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information from
3 the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the Board
4 along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a Staff
5 Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and
6 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is recommending
7 that the Board approve the application, subject to the 27 conditions that are
8 presented in the Staff Report of Investigation.

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10 9. Q. What impacts did Staff review for the project in arriving at this conclusion?

11 A. Staff reviewed the ecological impacts, residential impacts, cultural resources
12 impacts, impacts to roads and bridges, impacts to agricultural lands,
13 geological impacts, financial impacts, noise impacts, safety impacts, impacts
14 to the electrical grid, and the aesthetic impacts.

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16 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

17 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony,
18 as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
19 positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Andrew Conway, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 10th day of May, 2019.

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