

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of the	:	
Alamo Solar I, LLC, for a Certificate of	:	Case No. 18-1578-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public	:	
Need.	:	
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Mark Bellamy
SITING, EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RATES AND ANALYSIS
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

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July 12, 2019

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

2 A. My name is Mark C. Bellamy. My business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 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 in the Siting, Efficiency & Renewable Energy Division of
8 the Rates and Analysis Department.
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background.

11 A. My education includes earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in
12 Chemistry from Arkansas State University.
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14 4. Q. Please summarize your work experience.

15 A. Prior to my employment with the PUCO, I served 6 years in the U.S. Navy
16 as a Machinist's Mate on a submarine. I operated and maintained
17 atmosphere control equipment, as well as performed duties as a quality
18 assurance inspector. After the Navy, I was employed as a high school
19 science teacher. I joined the staff of the PUCO in 2009. Part of my duties in
20 my current position is to help implement Ohio's Renewable Portfolio
21 Standard as well as assisting in OPSB case reviews and analyses.
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1 5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board?

2 A. Yes.

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4 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

5 A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation in this case.

6 Specifically, the Noise and Agricultural District sections.

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8 7. Q. Are you testifying to any specific conditions? If so, what are they?

9 A. I am testifying to conditions 13 and 16.

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11 8. Q. Why is Staff recommending condition 13?

12 A. While Staff acknowledges that some construction noise impacts are
13 inevitable, staff recommends that most construction activities that can result
14 in noise impacts to the public be limited to hours when the majority of people
15 in the vicinity of the project are awake. Impact pile driving, hoe ram
16 operations, rock drilling and blasting, which are very loud construction
17 activities, would be limited to shorter windows of daytime hours than that
18 allowed for general construction activities.

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20 9. Q. Do you recommend any changes to condition 16?

21 A. Yes. I support the changes to condition 16 as agreed to in the Stipulation.

1 10. Q. Why is Staff recommending condition 16?

2 A. Agricultural crop fields make up most of the project and adjacent areas.

3 Functioning drain tiles are important to the continued operation of the

4 agricultural crop fields. Staff recommends through condition 16 that the

5 Applicant avoid drain tiles when possible and that any drain tiles that are

6 damaged are repaired.

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8 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

9 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-

10 mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to

11 positions taken by other parties.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Mark Bellamy, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record, this 12th day of July, 2019.

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