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Chairman Sam Randazzo  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Re: Case No. 19-1641-EL-BTX. In the Matter of the Application of The Ohio State University for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a Combined Heat and Power Major Unit Facility in Franklin County, Ohio on the Campus of The Ohio State University.**

Dear Chairman Randazzo:

The Ohio State University ("Ohio State") files this proof of notification pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-3-03(B)(2). Ohio State mailed the attached correspondence to each property owner and affected tenant in compliance with the rule's requirements via first class mail on September 3, 2019.

Very truly yours,



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To whom it may concern:

As the attorney representing The Ohio State University (Ohio State) before the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board"), I am sending this letter as required by Ohio Administrative Code Rule ("OAC") 4906-3-03(B)(2). This letter is being sent to property owners and affected tenants to a proposed Combined Heat and Power ("CHP") major unit facility on the Ohio State campus in Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio. You are receiving this letter because your property is contiguous to the planned project area parcel. OAC Rule 4906-3-03(B)(2) requires the applicant to notify all property owners and affected tenants contiguous to the planned project area.

**Background**

Ohio State is committed to continuing to make a world-class education both accessible and affordable. At the same time, Ohio State is driven to continually improve the environmental sustainability of campus operations. As we add new academic, research, and medical facilities to campus, our energy demands grow accordingly. To reduce Ohio State's energy costs and improve the campus' carbon emissions impact on the environment, Ohio State is proposing to install a CHP facility on campus.

The proposed CHP facility will reduce the amount of electric power Ohio State must purchase from the electricity markets. Additionally, producing electricity on campus using highly efficient natural gas-fired generators will reduce the total carbon dioxide emissions associated with the campus.

Ohio State examined several possible locations for the proposed CHP facility. The proposed site is on the corner of John Herrick Drive and Vernon Tharp Street.

### Description of Facility

The CHP facility will produce thermal energy powered by natural gas while introducing electricity generation on campus. The general purpose of the project is for the CHP facility to be a primary source of heating and electricity to the Columbus campus.

The proposed CHP major unit facility site is located on 1.35 acres on an area previously disturbed for the Howlett Greenhouse operations on campus. The site is on the corner of John H. Herrick Drive and Vernon L. Tharp Street adjacent to the Galbreath Equine Center, Parker Food and Science Technology Building, Howlett Greenhouses, and Howlett Hall. The proposed site is currently a gravel lot within a chain link fence that contains lightweight plastic sheeting greenhouses and related structures (e.g. composting bins).

The CHP facility will include the installation of two natural gas combustion turbine generators and one steam turbine generator. The turbines nameplate output capacity will be 105.5 megawatts in summer and 85.1 megawatts in winter. The nameplate maximum heat input is 314.8 million Btu per hour (Higher Heating Value).

“Associated facilities” as defined by the Board rules will consist of buried lines except where the utility line(s) will be attached underneath a new bridge crossing the Olentangy River just south of Ohio Stadium. The new bridge will replace the existing bridge in that location which currently has utility lines attached to it. The buried lines will be located on the Ohio State campus in previously disturbed areas through lawns, streets, roads, sidewalks and parking lots within the urbanized area developed for the campus.

### Description of the Certification Process

In order to construct, operate, and maintain the CHP facility, Ohio State must obtain permission from the Board. That permission is provided in the form of a Certificate.

In the near future, Ohio State will submit to the Board an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct, operate, and maintain the CHP facility. Once the application is submitted, the Board will preliminarily review the application to determine whether it is complete and contains all necessary requirements. No later than 60 days after the application is filed, the Chairman of the Board will notify Ohio State whether the application was complete and contains all necessary requirements. The docket number which has been assigned to this matter is: 19-1641-EL-BTX.

Assuming the application is found to be complete, the Board is required to promptly fix dates for public hearings: one, a non-adjudicatory, local public hearing to be held nearby in Franklin County; and also an adjudicatory hearing to be held at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Prior to the hearings, however, the application will be investigated by the Board staff. The investigation must be completed, and the staff must submit a written report to the Board, not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the hearings and no more than 75 days from the date the application is deemed complete. The report will set forth the nature of the investigation and

contain recommended findings with regard to the criteria the Board must use to review the application. A copy of the report will be made available to any person upon request.

The criteria the Board must use to review the application are as follows:

- (1) the basis of the need for the facility;
- (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, 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 Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code;
- (6) that the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) the impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site (route) and alternative site (route) of the proposed major utility facility (pipeline);
- (8) that the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

After the public hearings are completed, recent Board practice is that the Board directs the administrative law judge who presides over the hearings to prepare a draft order for its review and consideration. The Board will issue a final decision within a reasonable time after conclusion of the hearings. If a party is not satisfied with the Board's decision, an application for rehearing can be submitted and if the Board denies the rehearing application, the party can appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Parties who are interested in this application may file a petition to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing or they may ask the Board to send them notices. Petitions to intervene will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following the publication of the newspaper notice setting the date for the hearing, or later, if good cause is shown. However, the Board 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 the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed Case No. 19-1641-EL-BTX.

You may access all the filings in this case at the PUCO website at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us/> and then click on "Docketing Information System (DIS)" in the second section, middle column; once the Docket Information System screen appears, type the case number for the CHP facility application, Case No. 19-1641-EL-BTX, and follow the instructions to retrieve copies of all filings in the case.

The Board's address is 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; its telephone number is 1-866-270-6772, its website is <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb/>, and its email is [opsb@puc.ohio.gov](mailto:opsb@puc.ohio.gov). The applicant's project website is <https://buildingthefuture.osu.edu/combined-heat-and-power-plant>.

#### Community Informational Meeting Date

Ohio State has arranged for a public community open house to be held on September 26, 2019 on the Ohio State campus at the Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43210 between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Free parking will be available. The meeting format will be an open house with poster stations arranged throughout the room. Each station will have information about various aspects of the CHP project, including maps of the project area. Representatives from Ohio State and the university's utility systems manager, Ohio State Energy Partners LLC, will be in attendance to answer questions. Those who attend the meeting may write comments that the applicant will summarize and include in its application.

#### Conclusion

We expect that the Board will conclude, as we believe, that the CHP facility will benefit the community and the region. If you have any questions regarding the open house you may contact Ohio State's energy management office at (614) 292-0357 or email at [potter.138@osu.edu](mailto:potter.138@osu.edu).

Very truly yours,



Steven D. Lesser

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Summary: Notice of Compliance with Service Requirement electronically filed by Ms. Kari D Hehmeyer on behalf of Mr. Steven D Lesser and THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY