

## THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPER  
PROCEDURES AND PROCESS FOR THE  
BOARD'S OPERATIONS AND  
PROCEEDINGS DURING THE DECLARED  
STATE OF EMERGENCY AND RELATED  
MATTERS.

CASE NO. 20-601-GE-UNC

IN THE MATTER OF E-FILED  
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS DURING  
THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY.

CASE NO. 20-2000-XX-XXX

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on May 5, 2020

{¶ 1} On March 9, 2020, the governor signed Executive Order 2020-01D (Executive Order), declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. As described in the Executive Order, state agencies are required to implement procedures consistent with recommendations from the Department of Health to prevent or alleviate the public health threat associated with COVID-19. Additionally, all citizens are urged to heed the advice of the Department of Health regarding this public health emergency in order to protect their health and safety. The Executive Order was effective immediately and will remain in effect until the COVID-19 emergency no longer exists. The Department of Health is making COVID-19 information, including information on preventative measures, available via the internet at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/).

{¶ 2} Pursuant to R.C. 3701.13, the Ohio Department of Health has supervision of “all matters relating to the preservation of the life and health of the people” and the “ultimate authority in matters of quarantine and isolation.” On March 12, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued an Order indicating that “all persons are urged to maintain social distancing (approximately six feet away from other people) whenever possible.”

{¶ 3} On March 17, 2020, the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) opened Case No. 20-601-GE-UNC in response to the current state of emergency. By Entry dated the same day,

an administrative law judge (ALJ) issued directives to ensure the continued orderly flow of the Board's business and to mitigate risks of spreading COVID-19 through social contact.

{¶ 4} By Entry dated April 16, 2020, the Board directed that certain provisions of Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4906-2 be waived in order to permit the electronic filing of documents for which protective or confidential treatment is requested. In the Entry, the Board set forth procedures and processes for the electronic filing of confidential documents, in Case No. 20-2000-XX-XXX, for the duration of the emergency or until otherwise ordered by the Board. The Board also noted that it will continue to accept the filing of confidential documents by mail, although in-person filing of documents with the Board's docketing division remains suspended during the declared emergency.

{¶ 5} At this time, the ALJ finds that, due to technical issues, all electronic filing of confidential documents, as described in the April 16, 2020 Entry, should be suspended until otherwise ordered by the Board. Any document for which a filer seeks confidential treatment must be mailed to the Board at the following address: Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That, until otherwise ordered by the Board, all electronic filing of documents containing confidential information be suspended. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That documents containing confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information be filed with the Board by mail. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That notice of this Entry be served via the Electric-Energy, Gas-Pipeline, and OPSB service lists.

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/s/ Sarah J. Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot  
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry suspending electronic filing of confidential documents and ordering the same be filed by mail. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Sarah J. Parrot, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board