

## OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR A  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO  
CONSTRUCT A COMBINED HEAT AND  
POWER FACILITY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY,  
OHIO.

CASE No. 19-1641-EL-BGN

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on May 8, 2020

{¶ 1} The Ohio State University (Ohio State or University) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).

{¶ 3} On September 11, 2019, Ohio State filed a preapplication notification letter with the Board regarding its proposal to construct a combined heat and power (CHP) major utility facility on the University's campus in Clinton Township in Franklin County, Ohio. According to Ohio State, the CHP facility would serve as a primary source of heating and electricity to its Columbus campus.

{¶ 4} On November 6, 2019, Ohio State filed with the Board an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct the new CHP facility. Ohio State supplemented its application on November 27, 2019.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated January 29, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a procedural schedule for this matter, including a local public hearing to be held on April 9, 2020, and an adjudicatory hearing to commence on April 23, 2020.

{¶ 6} 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/).

{¶ 7} On March 12, 2020, the ALJ issued an Entry to suspend the procedural schedule in this matter, in light of the guidance issued by the Executive Order and the Department of Health. Among other things, the ALJ postponed the local public and adjudicatory hearings and directed that notice of the postponement be issued by Ohio State.

{¶ 8} At this time, the ALJ finds, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-25, that a prehearing conference should be scheduled for May 12, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. Due to the declared state of emergency, the prehearing conference will occur by telephone. The parties should call 866-209-2820 and enter conference code 4900652354. During the prehearing conference, the parties should be prepared to discuss a new procedural schedule for this matter, including potential dates for the local public and adjudicatory hearings, and options for proceeding with the hearings through video conferencing or other means.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled for May 12, 2020, in accordance with Paragraph 8. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

/s/ Sarah J. Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot  
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry scheduling a prehearing teleconference for May 12, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Sarah J. Parrot, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board