

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of The :
Ohio State University for a Certificate of : Case No. 19-1641-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public :
Need for the Combined Heat and Power :
Facility Project in Franklin County, Ohio. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Robert Holderbaum
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

Staff Exhibit ____

July 9, 2020

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

2 A. My name is Robert Holderbaum, and my business address is 180 East
3 Broad Street, Columbus OH 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 II within the Power Siting Department.
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9 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

10 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science Pre-Law (2009)
11 and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Policy & Planning
12 (2012), both from Ohio University.
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14 I have been employed by the PUCO since 2012. I have worked almost
15 exclusively on power siting activities during that time. I have provided
16 analysis for over 150 cases before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).
17 My responsibilities typically include application review and the preparation
18 of analysis for major utility facility applications in Ohio, including
19 accelerated filings such as Letters of Notification and Construction Notices.
20 I have been the lead analyst for more than 40 applications for generation
21 facilities, substations, and transmission line applications. I have also been

1 responsible for the preparation of staff reports and coordination of Staff
2 review and field work for major utility facilities.

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

5 A. I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted
6 in the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed June 15,
7 2020 in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of
8 the Staff Report in this case.

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10 5. Q. What kind of case is this?

11 A. The Applicant proposes to construct, own, and operate a Combined Heat
12 and Power Facility located in Franklin County, Ohio.

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14 6. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

15 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
16 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information
17 from the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the
18 Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a
19 Staff Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and
20 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is
21 recommending that the Board approve the application, subject to the 10
22 conditions that are presented in the Staff Report of Investigation.

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

A. Staff reviewed the ecological impacts, residential impacts, cultural resource impacts, impacts to roads and bridges, impacts to agricultural lands, commercial properties, geological impacts, financial impacts, noise impacts, safety impacts, and the aesthetic impacts of the project.

8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Prefiled Testimony of Robert Holderbaum has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 9th day of July 2020.

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