

**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
Matt Butler
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 business address.

2 A. My name is Matt Butler, and my business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3 6th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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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 an
7 Administrative Officer 2 in the Power Siting Department. I am assigned to
8 work on power siting issues in a public affairs capacity.

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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I hold a B.A. in history from The Ohio State University. I have been
12 employed by the PUCO since 2000 in several roles in the Office of Public
13 Affairs, the Energy and Environment Department, the Rates and Analysis
14 Department, and the Power Siting Department. Prior to my time at the
15 PUCO, I was employed as an aide to a member of the Ohio House of
16 Representatives.

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18 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
19 Board?

20 5. A. Yes.

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

1 A. With my testimony, I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of
2 Investigation (Staff Report). Specifically, I prepared the section of the Staff
3 Report titled “Public Interaction and Participation.”
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5 7. Q. Are you testifying to any specific conditions in the Staff Report? If so,
6 which ones?

7 A. Yes, condition 7.
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9 8. Q. Why is Staff recommending Condition 7?

10 A. This condition has become standard in recent electric generation cases and
11 has been recommended by staff in case numbers including 17-0773-EL-
12 BGN, 17-0774-EL-BGN, 17-1152-EL-BGN, 17-1189-EL-BGN, 17-2297-
13 EL-BGN, 18-0091-EL-BGN, 18-1025-EL-BGN, 18-1334-EL-BGN, 18-
14 1360-EL-BGN, 18-1546-EL-BGN, 18-1578-EL-BGN, and 18-1579-EL-
15 BGN. The complaint reports provide useful information that allows Staff to
16 monitor the responsiveness and effectiveness of applicants’ complaint
17 resolution processes. During the local public hearing held in this case,
18 approximately 20 witnesses, including students of The Ohio State
19 University, expressed concerns regarding the project. This condition
20 ensures that Staff has access to potential complaints from members of the
21 University community and their campus neighbors.
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1 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

2 A. Yes. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony as
3 described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or in
4 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 Matt Butler has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 9th day of July 2020.

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