

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Angelina Solar I, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need)))))	Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN
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AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATION

I. INTRODUCTION

The undersigned parties (the “Parties”) submit this Amended and Restated Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (“Stipulation”) for adoption by the Ohio Power Siting Board (the “Board”). This Stipulation is intended by the Parties to resolve all matters pertinent to the certification and construction of the proposed Angelina Solar Farm.

Angelina Solar I LLC (“Angelina” or “Applicant”) intends to build the Angelina Solar Farm as an 80 MW solar-powered generating facility in Preble County, Ohio. The project would consist of large arrays of ground-mounted photovoltaic (“PV”) modules, commonly referred to as solar panels. The project also includes associated support facilities, such as access roads, meteorological stations, buried electrical collection lines, inverter pads, and a substation.

The solar panels would be attached to metal racking. The racking would include piles driven or rotated into the ground. The solar panel arrays would be grouped in large clusters that would be fenced for public safety and equipment security, with locked gates at all entrances.

The Applicant has not yet selected the final solar panel technology to be utilized for this project, but has limited its consideration to two commonly used solar panel technologies that are substantially similar in function and outward design: crystalline or thin-film. Both types of common racking systems, fixed-tilt and single-axis tracking, would accommodate either crystalline or thin-film solar panel modules. Both solar panel technologies are comparable, and

the Applicant plans to submit the final project designs to the Board's Staff for review prior to construction.

The Applicant has not selected the specific module vendor, but intends to use a manufacturer that has the capability and experience to provide approximately 213,333-320,000 modules for this project.

The Applicant would create a collector system made up of a network of electric and communication lines that would transmit the electric power from the solar arrays to a common location, at which point the power would be delivered to the existing high-voltage transmission system.

The electricity from the solar panels is generated in direct current ("DC"). DC power from the solar panels would be delivered through electric lines, which would travel through cable trays on the racking and then to combiner boxes. Power from the combiner boxes would be transmitted to groups of components, collectively called an inverter, which would include an inverter that converts DC to alternating current ("AC"), a step-up transformer that increases the voltage to 34.5 kiloVolts ("kV"), and a cabinet containing power control electronics.

Each inverter would deliver AC power to a common substation through a system of buried electric lines and associated communication lines. The Applicant intends for each portion of the AC collector system to originate in one of the solar fields and terminate at the substation. The Applicant has committed that those portions of the AC collector system outside the fenced solar fields and fenced substation would be buried at least thirty-six inches below grade. The Applicant will use warning tape to mark the lines and register the underground facilities with the Ohio Utilities Protection Service.

The substation for the project would be located on a parcel of land east of the existing American Electric Power College Corner substation, which is located just across the state border in Indiana (the “AEP Substation”). The major components of the Applicant’s substation would be collection line feeders and breakers, a 34.5 kV bus, a main power transformer that steps up the voltage to 138 kV, a high-voltage breaker, metering/relaying transformers, disconnect switches, equipment enclosure containing power control electronics, and a lightning mast.

A short 138 kV transmission line would connect the project substation to the east or north side of the existing AEP Substation. The transmission line would be approximately 700 feet in length. A dead-end structure would be used where the circuit changes from a buried cable to an above ground line prior to entering the AEP Substation. The portion of the transmission line located in Ohio will be the subject of a separate filing to be submitted to the Board.¹

The Applicant proposes to use up to 6.2 miles of access roads for construction, operation and maintenance of the solar farm. The access roads would consist of aggregate material and/or grass. The access roads would be up to 25 feet wide during construction and then reduced to 16 feet wide during operation.

The project would include up to six solar meteorological stations that would be up to 15 feet tall, and fenced/gated. The meteorological stations would include pyranometers, which measure the solar resource.

II. HISTORY OF THE APPLICATION

The Applicant filed a Pre-Application Notification Letter regarding the proposed solar electric generation project on October 22, 2018, and a Corrected Pre-Application Notification

¹ Applicant has received the appropriate authorizations from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to construct and operate the portion of the transmission line, as well as the dead-end structure, in Indiana. *In the Matter of the Verified Petition of Angelina Solar I, LLC*, Cause No. 45292 (March 4, 2020).

Letter on October 29, 2018 to update the date of the public informational meeting. A public informational meeting regarding the proposed solar electric generating project was held in Eaton, Ohio on November 15, 2018.

On December 3, 2018, the Applicant filed its Application and motions for waivers from the requirements to submit the manufacturers' safety manuals or similar documents with the application, to submit a description of its plan for test borings with the application, to request to reduce the size of the study area regarding the impact on landmarks, and to delay submission of the System Impact Study. Applicant also filed a motion for protective order to keep portions of the Application confidential, including cost information and other sensitive financial data.

On January 17, 2019, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") granted the motion for waivers and motion for protective order.

On February 1, 2019, a letter of compliance regarding the Application was sent to the Applicant.

On February 7, 2019, the Applicant filed its Certificate of Service indicating that a copy of the complete and accepted Application was served upon the appropriate governmental officials and local libraries.

On February 14, 2019, the ALJ issued an Entry scheduling hearings in the matter, directing the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff ("Staff") to file its Staff Report of Investigation, and for parties to file their issues list and testimony.

On March 11, 2019, the Preble County Commissioners filed a notice of intervention. The notice of intervention was accepted April 18, 2019.

On March 13, 2019, the Preble County Engineer, the Preble County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Board of Trustees of Israel Township, the Board of Trustees of Dixon

Township, and the Preble County Planning Commission all filed motions to intervene. These motions were granted April 18, 2019.

On March 21, 2019, the Eaton Community School District filed a motion to intervene. This motion was granted April 18, 2019.

On March 26, 2019, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation filed a motion to intervene. The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation's motion was granted April 18, 2019.

On March 29, 2019, the Concerned Citizens of Preble County, LLC, Robert Black, Marja Brandly, Campbell Brandly Farms, LLC, Michael Irwin, Kevin and Tina Jackson, Vonderhaar Family ARC, LLC, and Vonderhaar Farms Inc. (the "Citizens") filed a motion to intervene. The Citizens' motion was granted April 18, 2019.

A local public hearing was held on April 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Eaton Fire Division Station #2, 391 West Lexington Road, Eaton, Ohio 45320.

The adjudicatory hearing was called and continued on May 14, 2019 at the offices of the PUCO.

A Joint Stipulation and Recommendation was filed on June 14, 2019 in this proceeding by Angelina Solar I, LLC, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Preble County Commissioners, the Preble County Engineer, the Preble Soil & Water Conservation District, the Board of Trustees of Israel Township, the Board of Trustees of Dixon Township, the Preble County Planning Commission, and the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board.

The adjudicatory hearing recommenced on July 31, 2019 at the offices of the PUCO.

This Stipulation results from discussions among the Parties who acknowledge that this agreement is amply supported by the record and thus is entitled to careful consideration by the

Board. Accordingly, the Parties recommend that the Board issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the proposed Angelina Solar Farm.

III. STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATION

A. Recommended Conditions

- (1) The Applicant shall install the facility, utilize equipment and construction practices, and implement mitigation measures as described in the application and as modified and/or clarified in supplemental filings, replies to data requests, and recommendations in the *Staff Report of Investigation* (as modified by the Joint Amended and Restated Stipulation).
- (2) The Applicant shall conduct a preconstruction conference prior to the start of any construction activities. Staff, the Applicant, and representatives of the primary contractor and all subcontractors for the project shall attend the preconstruction conference. The conference shall include a presentation of the measures to be taken by the Applicant and contractors to ensure compliance with all conditions of the certificate, and discussion of the procedures for on-site investigations by Staff during construction. Prior to the conference, the Applicant shall provide a proposed conference agenda for Staff review. The Applicant may conduct separate preconstruction conferences for each stage of construction.
- (3) The Applicant shall submit one set of detailed engineering drawings of the final project design to Staff at least 30 days before the preconstruction conference. This final design shall include all conditions of the certificate and references at the locations where the Applicant and/or its contractors must adhere to a specific condition in order to comply with the certificate. The final project layout shall be provided in hard copy and as geographically-referenced electronic data. The final project layout shall reflect any road adjacent setbacks as measured from the edge of the right-of-way rather than the edge of the roadway. The final project layout shall reflect at least the following minimum setbacks: (1) 25 feet between the facility fence and any property line of a non-participating parcel or any edge of right-of-way of a public road; (2) 150 feet between the facility fence and any residence on a non-participating parcel; and (3) 500 feet between any central inverter and any residence on a non-participating parcel. The Applicant shall promptly retrofit any inverter as necessary to effectively mitigate any off-site noise issue identified during operation of the facility.
- (4) If any changes to the project layout are made after the submission of final engineering drawings, the Applicant shall provide all such changes to Staff in hard copy and as geographically-referenced electronic data. All changes are subject to Staff review to ensure compliance with all conditions of the certificate, prior to construction in those areas.
- (5) Within 60 days after the commencement of commercial operation, the Applicant shall submit to Staff a copy of the as-built specifications for the entire facility. If

the Applicant demonstrates that good cause prevents it from submitting a copy of the as-built specifications for the entire facility within 60 days after commencement of commercial operation, it may request an extension of time for the filing of such as-built specifications. The Applicant shall use reasonable efforts to provide as-built drawings in both hard copy and as geographically referenced electronic data.

- (6) The certificate shall become invalid if the Applicant has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed facility within five years of the date of journalization of the certificate, unless the Board grants a waiver or extension of time.
- (7) As the information becomes known, the Applicant shall file in this proceeding the date on which construction will begin, the date on which construction was completed, and the date on which the facility begins commercial operation. Such filings shall be served on all intervening parties to the certification process.
- (8) Prior to the commencement of construction activities in areas that require permits or authorizations by federal or state laws and regulations, the Applicant shall obtain and comply with such permits or authorizations. The Applicant shall provide copies of permits and authorizations, including all supporting documentation, to Staff no less than seven days prior to the applicable construction activities. The Applicant shall provide a schedule of construction activities and acquisition of corresponding permits for each activity at the preconstruction conference.
- (9) If the resulting survey work from the Historic Resource Survey Research Design for the project dated January 14, 2020 and the Phase 1 Archeological Survey Research Design for the project dated January 16, 2020, each as approved by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) by letter dated February 19, 2020, discloses a find of cultural, archaeological, or architectural significance, or a site that could be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, then the Applicant shall submit a modification, or mitigation plan detailing how such site(s) will be avoided or impacts minimized. Any such mitigation effort, if needed, shall be developed in coordination with the OHPO and submitted to Staff for review and acceptance.
- (10) General construction activities shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or until dusk when sunset occurs after 7:00 p.m. Impact pile driving shall be limited to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; hoe ram and blasting operations, if required, shall be limited to the hours between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction activities that do not involve noise increases above ambient levels at sensitive receptors are permitted outside of daylight hours when necessary. The Applicant shall notify property owners or affected tenants within the meaning of Ohio Adm. Code 4906-3-03(B)(2) of upcoming construction activities including potential for nighttime construction.
- (11) Prior to commencement of any construction, the Applicant shall prepare a landscape and lighting plan in consultation with a landscape architect licensed by the Ohio Landscape Architects Board that addresses the aesthetic and lighting

impacts of the facility with an emphasis on any locations where an adjacent non-participating parcel contains a residence with a direct line of sight to the project area and also include a plan describing the methods to be used for fence repair. The plan shall include measures such as fencing, vegetative screening or good neighbor agreements. Unless alternative mitigation is agreed upon with the owner of any such adjacent, non-participating parcel containing a residence with a direct line of sight to the fence of the facility, the plan shall provide for the planting of vegetative screening designed by the landscape architect to enhance the view from the residence and be in harmony with the existing vegetation and viewshed in the area. The Applicant shall maintain vegetative screening for the life of the facility and the Applicant shall replace any failed plantings so that, after five years, at least 90 percent of the vegetation has survived. The Applicant shall maintain all fencing along the perimeter of the project in good repair for the term of the project and shall promptly repair any damage as needed. Lights shall be motion-activated and designed to narrowly focus light inward toward the facility, such as being downward-facing and/or fitted with side shields. The Applicant shall provide the plan to Staff for review and confirmation that it complies with this condition.

- (12) At least 30 days before the preconstruction conference, the Applicant shall provide Staff with a copy of its public information program, for confirmation that it complies with this condition, that informs affected property owners and tenants of the nature of the project, and that provides specific contact information of Applicant personnel who are familiar with the project, the proposed timeframe for project construction, and a schedule for restoration activities.
- (13) At least 30 days before the preconstruction conference, the Applicant shall provide Staff with a copy of a complaint resolution process, for confirmation that it complies with this condition, to address potential public complaints resulting from facility construction and operation. The resolution process must describe how the public can contact the facility and how the facility would contact anyone issuing a complaint, and require the Applicant to acknowledge receipt of a complaint within 48-hours and to promptly respond to such complaint
- (14) At least seven days prior to the start of facility operation, the Applicant shall notify via mail affected property owners and tenants who were provided notice of the public informational meeting, as well as anyone who has requested updates regarding the project, and all intervening parties to the certification process. This notice will provide information about the start of operation and describe how the public can contact the facility.
- (15) During the construction and operation of the facility, the Applicant shall submit to Staff a complaint summary report by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January of each year for the first five years of operation. The report should include a list of all complaints received through the Applicant's complaint resolution process, a description of the actions taken toward a resolution of each complaint, and a status update if the complaint has yet to be resolved.
- (16) The Applicant shall avoid, where possible, or minimize to the extent practicable, any damage to functioning surface and subsurface field tile drainage systems and

soils resulting from the construction, operation, and/or maintenance of the facility in agricultural areas, whether such drainage systems are publicly or privately maintained. Benchmark conditions of surface and subsurface drainage systems shall be documented prior to construction, including the location of mains and grassed waterways and efforts to contact the owners of all parcels adjacent to the project area to request drainage system information on those parcels. Such documentation shall be provided to the County Engineer. Any tile installation or repairs shall be performed in accordance with applicable provisions of Standard Practice for Subsurface Installation of Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe for Agricultural Drainage or Water Table Control, ASTM F499-02 (2008), to the extent practicable. If uncertainty arises concerning the proper procedures for tile repair, Applicant may consult with the local Soil & Water Conservation District or a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service representative for privately maintained tile, and shall consult with the County Engineer for tile located in a county maintenance/repair ditch, as delineated in Document A, attached hereto. Damaged field tile systems shall be promptly repaired no later than 30 days after such damage is discovered, and be returned to at least original conditions or their modern equivalent at the Applicant's expense. When repairing tiles in a county maintenance/repair ditch, the Applicant shall give reasonable notice of such repairs to the County Engineer and Staff. The County Engineer or his/her representative shall have the right to visually inspect and approve the repair work performed prior to backfill. If the County Engineer does not approve the repair work in a timely manner, Staff shall have the right to visually inspect and approve the repair work performed prior to backfill. If the opinion of the County Engineer and the opinion of Staff on approval of the repair work differ, Staff shall have the final authority to approve the repair work. As stated in the Application, the Applicant will develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that will require the utilization of silt fences during construction and the prompt removal of construction silt from drainage ditches when necessary for continued efficient drainage. The Applicant shall provide the Soil & Water Conservation District and the County Engineer with a single point of contact with the Applicant after construction is completed to address any resource concerns.

- (17) Within 30 days after issuance or receipt, the Applicant shall provide Staff a copy of any arrangement or resulting resolution adopted by Preble County relating to the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.
- (18) Prior to the preconstruction conference, the Applicant shall submit a vegetation management plan to Staff for review and confirmation that it complies with this condition. The plan would identify all areas of proposed vegetation clearing for the project, specifying the extent of the clearing, and describing how such clearing work would be done as to minimize removal of woody vegetation. The plan shall describe how trees and shrubs along access routes, at construction staging areas, during maintenance operations, and in proximity to any other project facilities would be protected from damage. The plan shall also describe the implementation and maintenance of vegetative ground cover for the solar fields and any vegetative screening, including any pollinator-friendly plantings and describe any planned

herbicide use. The plan shall also describe the steps to be taken to prevent establishment and/or further propagation of noxious weed identified in OAC 901:5-37 during implementation of pollinator-friendly plantings. The Applicant shall consult with the Ohio Seed Improvement Association prior to purchase of seed stock regarding the names of reputable vendors of seed stock and shall purchase seed stock used on this project from such recommended sources to the extent practicable and to the extent seed stock is available from such vendor(s).

- (19) The Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for the removal of trees three inches or greater in diameter to avoid impacts to Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats, unless coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) allows a different course of action.
- (20) The Applicant shall have an environmental specialist on site during construction activities that may affect sensitive areas as shown on the Applicant's final approved construction plan as approved by Staff. Sensitive areas include, but are not limited to, areas of vegetation clearing, designated wetlands and streams, and locations of threatened or endangered species or their identified habitat. The environmental specialist shall be familiar with water quality protection issues and potential threatened or endangered species of plants and animals that may be encountered during project construction. The environmental specialist selected by the Applicant shall be authorized to report any issues simultaneously to Staff and the Applicant.
- (21) The Applicant shall contact Staff, the ODNR, and the USFWS within 24 hours if state or federal listed species are encountered during construction activities. Construction activities that could adversely impact the identified plants or animals shall be immediately halted until an appropriate course of action has been agreed upon by the Applicant, Staff and the appropriate agencies.
- (22) The Applicant shall file on the record in this case a construction access plan for review prior to the preconstruction conference. The plan would consider the location of streams, wetlands, wooded areas, and sensitive wildlife and plant species, and explain how impacts to all sensitive resources will be avoided or minimized during construction, operation, and maintenance. The plan would include the measures to be used for restoring the area around all temporary access points, and a description of any long-term stabilization required along permanent access routes.
- (23) Prior to the use of horizontal directional drilling, the Applicant shall file on the record in this case a frac-out contingency plan detailing monitoring, environmental specialist presence, containment measures, cleanup, and restoration.
- (24) The Applicant shall minimize, to the extent practicable, the clearing of wooded areas, including scrub/shrub areas that would lead to fragmentation and isolation of woodlots or reduce connecting corridors between one woodlot and another.
- (25) Prior to commencement of construction activities that require transportation permits, the Applicant shall obtain all such permits. The Applicant shall coordinate

with the appropriate authority regarding any temporary road closures, lane closures, road access restrictions, and traffic control necessary for construction and operation of the proposed facility. Coordination shall include, but not be limited to, the county engineer, the Ohio Department of Transportation, local law enforcement, and health and safety officials. The Applicant shall detail this coordination as part of a final traffic plan submitted to Staff prior to the preconstruction conference for review and confirmation by Staff that it complies with this condition.

- (26) The Applicant shall provide the Board's Staff a copy of the transportation management plan and any changes to the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement for Solar Projects and Infrastructure dated December 9, 2019 between the Applicant and Preble County Board of County Commissioners, the Preble County Engineer, Israel Township and Dixon Township 30 days prior to the preconstruction conference.
- (27) The Applicant shall not commence any construction of the facility until it has executed an Interconnection Service Agreement and Interconnection Construction Service Agreement with PJM Interconnection, which includes construction, operation, and maintenance of system upgrades necessary to integrate the proposed generating facility into the regional transmission system reliably and safely. The Applicant shall docket in the case record a letter stating that the Agreement has been signed or a copy of the executed Interconnection Service Agreement and Interconnection Construction Service Agreement.
- (28) Local fire and EMS service providers (Camden-Somers Fire Department, West College Corner Fire Department, Eaton Fire and EMS and Gasper Fire Department) will be trained in how to respond to emergency/fire situations that could occur at the project. At least one in-service emergency training shall be conducted prior to commencement of construction. Multiple training dates for both firefighters and EMS staff will be offered to ensure all responders have adequate situational training specific to solar energy facilities. In addition, safety meetings shall be held with emergency service personnel on an on-going basis. The Applicant will include in such training any emergency procedures which may be specific to the solar array model used for the project. If local fire and EMS responders lack any specialized equipment needed to appropriately respond to an emergency at the project, the Applicant shall provide such equipment to the local fire and EMS service providers when construction commences.
- (29) At least 60 days prior to construction, as stated in the Application, the Applicant shall submit a comprehensive decommissioning plan for review and approval by Staff. The plan will specify the responsible parties, outline a decommissioning schedule of fewer than 12 months, estimate full decommissioning and restoration costs net of salvage value, require restoration of the project area, and require proper disposition of all project components. The plan shall be prepared by a professional engineer registered with the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. Prior to construction, the Applicant will, if applicable, post financial security in the form of a performance bond with the Board as obligee, e.g. a decommissioning bond, to ensure that funds are available to pay for the net

decommissioning costs. The Applicant will retain an independent and registered professional engineer to calculate the net decommissioning costs, which shall be incorporated into the plan and reflected in the financial security. This net decommissioning estimate shall be recalculated at least every five years by an engineer retained by Applicant and the financial security adjusted to reflect any increase in the net decommissioning costs, but will not be adjusted to reflect any decrease in the net decommissioning costs. The Board shall maintain the authority to accept or reject the engineer chosen by the Applicant to conduct such analysis.

- (30) If one acre or more of ground is disturbed, the Applicant shall obtain from Ohio EPA a “General Permit Authorization for Storm Water Discharges Construction Associated with Construction Activities” (also known as a Construction General Permit). Following the completion of final project engineering design, the Applicant shall perform pre- and post-construction stormwater calculations to determine if post-construction best management practices are required, based on requirements contained in Ohio EPA’s Construction General Permit. The calculations along with a copy of any stormwater submittals made to the Ohio EPA shall be submitted to the Preble County Office of Land Use Management and the Preble Soil & Water Conservation District. The Applicant will also provide confirmation that it incorporated guidance from the Ohio EPA’s document “Guidance on Post-Construction Storm Water Controls for Solar Panel Arrays” dated October 2019 to the Preble County Office of Land Use Management and the Preble Soil & Water Conservation District. If post construction storm water best management practices are required, the Applicant will submit construction drawings detailing any stormwater control measures to the Preble County Office of Land Use Management and the Preble Soil & Water Conservation District, as applicable, no less than seven days prior to the applicable construction activities.
- (31) The certificate authority provided in this case shall not exempt the facility from any other applicable and lawful local, state, or federal rules or regulations nor be used to affect the exercise of discretion of any other local, state, or federal permitting or licensing authority with regard to areas subject to their supervision or control.

B. Other Terms and Conditions

(1) This Stipulation is conditioned upon adoption of the Stipulation by the Board in its entirety and without material modification. Each Signatory Party has the right, in its sole discretion, to determine whether the Board’s approval of this Stipulation constitutes a “material modification” thereof. If the Board rejects or materially modifies all or any part of this Stipulation, any Signatory Party shall have the right to apply for rehearing. If the Board does not adopt the Stipulation without material modification upon rehearing, or if the Board makes a material

modification to any Order adopting the Stipulation pursuant to any reversal, vacation and/or remand by the Supreme Court of Ohio, then within thirty (30) days of the Board's Entry on Rehearing or Order on Remand any Signatory Party may withdraw from the Stipulation by filing a notice with the Board ("Notice of Withdrawal"). No Signatory Party shall file a Notice of Withdrawal without first negotiating in good faith with the other Signatory Parties to achieve an outcome that substantially satisfies the intent of the Stipulation. If a new agreement achieves such an outcome, the Signatory Parties will file the new agreement for Board review and approval. If the discussions to achieve an outcome that substantially satisfies the intent of the Stipulation are unsuccessful, and a Signatory Party files a Notice of Withdrawal, then the Board will convene an evidentiary hearing to afford that Signatory Party the opportunity to contest the Stipulation by presenting evidence through witnesses, to cross examine witnesses, to present rebuttal testimony, and to brief all issues that the Board shall decide based upon the record and briefs. If the discussions to achieve an outcome that substantially satisfies the intent of the Stipulation are successful, then some or all of the Signatory Parties shall submit the amended Stipulation to the Board for approval after a hearing if necessary.

(2) The Parties agree and recognize that this Stipulation has been entered into only for the purpose of this proceeding. Each Party agrees not to assert against another party in any proceeding before the Board or any court, other than in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Stipulation, that party's participation in this Stipulation as support for any particular position on any issue. Each Party further agrees that it will not use this Stipulation as factual or legal precedent on any issue. The Parties request that the Board recognize that its use of this Stipulation in any proceeding other than this proceeding is contrary to the intentions of the parties in entering into this Stipulation.

IV. RECOMMENDED FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Parties agree that the record in this case, provided the Board approves the Conditions in this Stipulation, contains sufficient probative evidence for the Board to find and determine, as Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, that:

A. Recommended Findings of Fact

1. Angelina Solar I, LLC is licensed to do business in the State of Ohio.
2. Angelina Solar Farm qualifies as a major utility facility as defined in R.C. 4906.01(B)(1).
3. On October 22, 2018, the Applicant filed a Pre-Application Notification Letter informing the Board of a public informational meeting in Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN.
4. On October 29, 2018, the Applicant filed a Corrected Pre-Application Notification Letter updating the date for the public informational meeting.
5. On November 5, 2018, the Applicant filed proof of publication made on October 27, 2018 in the Eaton Register-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Preble County, and of notice of the public informational meeting scheduled to be held in Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN on November 15, 2018.
6. The Applicant held the public informational meeting in Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN at the Toney Building on the Preble County Fairgrounds, located at 722 South Franklin Street, Eaton, Ohio 45320 on November 15, 2018.
7. The Applicant submitted its Application in Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN to construct the Angelina Solar Farm on December 3, 2018.
8. On December 3, 2018, the Applicant filed a motion for waivers of certain filing requirements in Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN.

9. On December 3, 2018, the Applicant filed a motion for protective order to keep confidential certain information in the Application in Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN.

10. On January 17, 2019, the ALJ granted Angelina's motion for waivers and motion for protective order.

11. On February 1, 2019, the Board issued a letter stating that the Board's Staff had received sufficient information to begin its review of the Application.

12. On February 7, 2019, the Applicant filed correspondence indicating that the Application fees were paid.

13. On February 7, 2019, the Applicant filed a Certificate of Service indicating that copies of the Application were served upon local public officials and libraries.

14. On February 14, 2019, the ALJ issued an Entry setting forth a scheduled hearing date and directing the Staff to file a Staff Report.

15. On March 11, 2019, the Preble County Commissioners filed a notice of intervention.

16. On March 13, 2019, the Preble County Engineer; Preble Soil & Water Conservation District, the Board of Trustees of Israel Township, the Board of Trustees of Dixon Township, and the Preble County Planning Commission all filed motions to intervene.

17. On March 15, 2019, the Applicant filed a Notice indicating that the initial notice was sent on March 1, 2019 to government officials, libraries and affected property owners pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4906-3-09(A)(1).

18. On March 21, 2019, a motion to intervene was filed by the Eaton Community School District.

19. On March 26, 2019, a motion to intervene was filed by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

20. On March 27, 2019, the Applicant filed a Notice indicating that the initial notice was published on March 2, 2019 in the Eaton Register-Herald, a newspaper in general circulation in Preble county, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(C).

21. On March 29, 2019 Concerned Citizens of Preble County, LLC, Robert Black, Marja Brandly, Campbell Brandly Farms, LLC, Michael Irwin, Kevin and Tina Jackson, Vonderhaar Family ARC, LLC, and Vonderhaar Farms Inc. all filed a motion to intervene.

22. On April 1, 2019, the Applicant filed a Notice of Submittal of the System Impact Study.

23. On April 15, 2019, the Staff Report of Investigation (“Staff Report”) was filed in Case No. 18-1579-EL-BGN.

24. On April 26, 2019, the Applicant filed a Notice indicating that the second notice was mailed on April 19, 2019 to government officials, libraries and property owners pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4906-03-09(A)(2). Notice was also published in the Eaton Register-Herald, a newspaper in general circulation in Preble County, on April 20, 2019.

25. A local public hearing was held on April 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Eaton Fire Division Station #2, 391 West Lexington Road, Eaton, Ohio 45320.

26. The adjudicatory hearing was called and continued on May 14, 2019 at the offices of the PUCO.

27. A Joint Stipulation and Recommendation was filed on June 14, 2019 in this proceeding by Angelina Solar I, LLC, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Preble County Commissioners, the Preble County Engineer, the Preble Soil & Water Conservation District, the Board of Trustees of Israel Township, the Board of Trustees of Dixon Township, the Preble County Planning Commission, and the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board.

28. The adjudicatory hearing recommenced on July 31, 2019 at the offices of the PUCO.
29. Because no electric transmission line or gas pipeline is being proposed in this Application, R.C. 4906.10(A)(1) is not applicable.
30. Adequate data on the Angelina Solar Farm has been provided to determine the nature of the probable environmental impact as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(2).
31. Adequate data on the Angelina Solar Farm has been provided to determine that the facilities described in the Application and supplemental filings and subject to the Conditions in this Stipulation represent the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the available technology and nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(3).
32. Adequate data on the Angelina Solar Farm has been provided to determine that the proposed electric generating facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving the State of Ohio and interconnected utility systems, that the Angelina Solar Farm will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability, and the requirements of R.C. 4906.10(A)(4) are met.
33. Adequate data on the Angelina Solar Farm has been provided to determine that this facility will either comply with, or is not subject to, the requirements in the Ohio Revised Code regarding air and water pollution control, withdrawal of waters of the state, solid and hazardous waste, air navigation, and all regulations thereunder, as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(5).
34. Adequate data on the Angelina Solar Farm has been provided to determine that it will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(6).
35. Adequate data on the Angelina Solar Farm has been provided to determine what its impact will be on the viability as agriculture land of any land in the existing agricultural district

established under R.C. Chapter 929 that is located within the site of the proposed facility, as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(7).

36. Adequate data on the Angelina Solar Farm has been provided to determine that the facility as proposed incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(8).

37. The record evidence in this matter provides sufficient factual data to enable the Board to make an informed decision.

B. Recommended Conclusions of Law

1. Angelina Solar I, LLC is a “person” under R.C. 4906.01(A).
2. The proposed Angelina Solar Farm is a major utility facility as defined in R.C. 4906.01(B)(1).
3. The record establishes the nature of the probable environmental impact from construction, operation and maintenance of the Angelina Solar Farm under R.C. 4906.10(A)(2).
4. The record establishes that the Angelina Solar Farm described in the Application, and subject to the conditions in this Stipulation represent the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations under R.C. 4906.10(A)(3).
5. The record establishes that the Angelina Solar Farm is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving the State of Ohio and interconnected utility systems, and will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(4).

6. The record establishes, as required by R.C. 4906.10(A)(5) that to the extent that it is applicable, construction of the proposed Angelina Solar Farm will comply with the requirements in the Ohio Revised Code regarding air and water pollution control, withdrawal of waters of the state, solid and hazardous waste, air navigation, and all rules and standards adopted under the relevant Chapters of the Ohio Revised Code.

7. The record establishes that the Angelina Solar Farm described in the Application, and subject to the conditions in this Stipulation, will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity under R.C. 4906.10(A)(6).

8. The impact of the Angelina Solar Farm on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district has been determined under R.C. 4906.10(A)(7).

9. The record establishes that the Angelina Solar Farm would incorporate maximum feasibility water conservation practices under R.C. 4906.10(A)(8).

10. Based on the record, the Parties recommend that the Board issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for construction, operation and maintenance of the Angelina Solar Farm.

The undersigned hereby stipulate, agree and represent that they are authorized to enter into this Amended and Restated Joint Stipulation and Recommendation on this 29th day of July, 2020. Furthermore, the Parties expressly agree that this Amended and Restated Joint Stipulation and Recommendation may be amended and/or supplemented in a writing executed by the Parties.

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