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**From:** Ned White <nwhite@arielcorp.com>  
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**Subject:** Re: 19-1641-EL-BGN: Ohio State University Combined Heat and Power Facility

To the members of the Ohio Power Sitting Board:

My name is Edward White. I am an alumnus of both Ohio University and more recently the Ohio State University. For the last thirteen years, I have worked in the natural gas industry. I have had the opportunity to see the many good things that our industry has done for our communities and for the climate in our country during that time.

In my lifetime I haven't felt the need to express my opinion to a governing body very often, however after reading some of the misinformation and mischaracterization regarding the proposed gas plant at OSU, I felt that I had to make myself heard. The Sierra Club mentions Mayor Ginther's plan to transition the city of Columbus to 100% renewable energy by 2022. That makes for great political soundbites, but it just is not practical. The infrastructure for his plan does not exist. The reliable and dependable technology does not exist, and it likely will not exist in the next 2 years. The fact is that natural gas is the reliable and abundant bridge fuel to get us to that 100% renewable goal. The Sierra Club and its allies would throw away the good for the non-existent "perfect".

Over the last 40 plus years, the US per capita CO2 emissions have steadily declined. Over the last decade, those emissions have been declining at an even faster rate. That decline can be directly to the switch to cheap, abundant natural gas that came as a result of the shale revolution.

The University's proposal for a new gas-fired plant is expected to cut carbon emissions by 35%. The opposition's plan of holding out for 100% renewable sources will cut the emissions by 0%. I urge you to approve the plan for the new gas plant. This is a case where doing something is better than doing nothing.

Sincerely,

Edward White Jr.  
Granville, OH

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