



September 3, 2020

Theresa White
Executive Director,
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street, 6th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: The Ohio State University's Combined Heat and Power Facility; Case Number: 19-1641-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. White:

I am writing in support of the proposed Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility located on 1.18 acres of The Ohio State University-owned land.

The American Petroleum Institute-Ohio (API Ohio) is a division of the American Petroleum Institute (API), which represents all segments of America's natural gas and oil industry. API's more than 600 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation's energy. The industry supports millions of U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization. In its first 100 years, API has developed more than 700 standards to enhance operational and environmental safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

Combined heat and power (CHP) technology is an efficient approach to generating electric power and useful thermal energy for heating or cooling from a single fuel source and can be more efficient and cost-effective than providing heat and electricity separately. A CHP facility serving The Ohio State University, with natural gas as the clean energy fuel source, will provide Ohio State's main campus the ability to address year-round needs for energy-efficient electricity, heating, and cooling.

According to The Ohio State University, the technological advantages of a natural gas-powered CHP facility will help to attain the university's sustainability goals of "cutting carbon emissions by 35% in the first full year of operations." In addition, the new facility will support the innovation and research district facilities being constructed on the university's West Campus through utility service.¹

Given all the advantages that a natural gas-powered CHP facility will provide to the university, it is clear why they have chosen to move forward in the power siting process. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of the Ohio Power Siting Board's approval for the proposed Combined Heat and Power Facility at The Ohio State University.

Respectfully,

Chris Zeigler
Executive Director
API Ohio

¹ <https://buildingthefuture.osu.edu/combined-heat-and-power-plant>

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