

November 18, 2020

Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Acting Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN
In the Matter of the Application of Birch Solar, LLC for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered
Electric Generation Facility in Allen and Auglaize Counties, Ohio.

Proof of Publication for Public Information Meetings

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Attached please find a copy of the proof of publication indicating that the notices of the public information meetings were published in the *Lima News* and the *Wapakoneta Daily News*, newspapers of general circulation in Allen and Auglaize County, Ohio.

The public information meetings will be held on Friday, November 20, 2020 and Monday, November 23, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., via a live phone question and answer session on the project.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik

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Jim O'Dell

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF OHIO)
COUNTY OF ALLEN)


Connie Rosenbeck, being duly sworn, says:


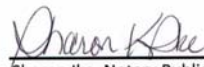
That she is the Classified Salesperson of the
Lima Daily News, a weekly newspaper of
general circulation, printed and published in
Lima, Allen County, Ohio; that the publication, a
copy of which is attached hereto, was published
in the said newspaper on the following dates:

November 3rd, 2020

That said newspaper was regularly issued and
circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:


Retail Sales Representative



Sharon K. Ike, Notary Public, Shelby County, Ohio

SHARON K. IKE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires JULY 05, 2025

My commission expires July 05, 2025

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Notice of Public Information Meeting for Proposed Major Utility Facility

Birch Solar, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lightsource bp, scheduled virtual public informational meetings for Friday, November 20, 2020, and Monday, November 23, 2020, Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio, and Duchouquet and Logan Townships, Auglaize County, Ohio. The facility will be sited on approximately 2,600 acres and have a maximum total generating capacity of up to 300 megawatts. The purpose of the facility is to generate electricity to PJM. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as fourth quarter 2021, resulting in commercial operations in second quarter 2023. A map showing the general outline of the project area is below.

On both Friday, November 20th and Monday, November 23rd, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lightsource bp is hosting interactive, virtual public information meetings offering residents an opportunity to learn about the Birch Solar project and ask questions of the development team and the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) staff. Residents can participate in the November 20th and November 23rd meetings by phone, the internet, or both. Joining is simple:

1. Dial toll-free 1-877-229-8493
2. Enter Access ID Code 120041# when prompted.
3. If you have internet access, you may also watch the team and presentation LIVE at www.BirchSolarVirtualPublicMeeting.com.

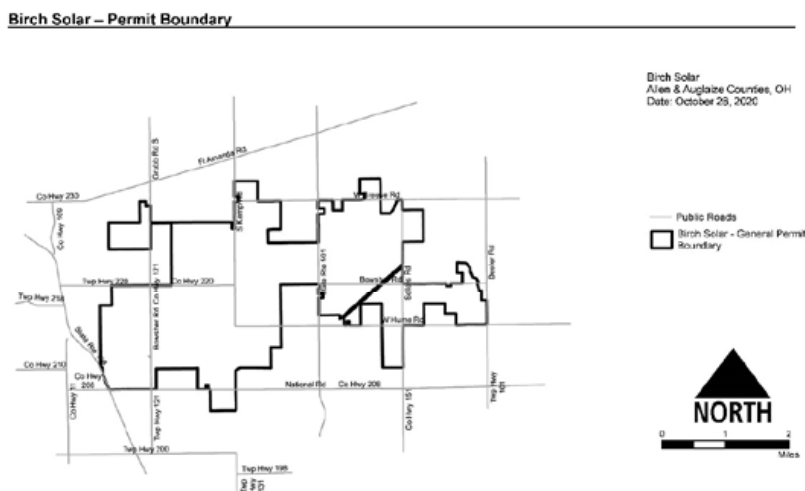
A presentation about the Birch Solar Project will be posted on Lightsource bp's website www.lightsourcebp.com/birch for viewing by the public at their convenience. Alternative access to the presentation is also available upon request. For additional information on how to access the live Q&A by either computer or phone, contact the Birch Solar team at birchsolar@lightsourcebp.com or 320-267-3595. If you are unable to access the virtual public information meeting via the internet and would like to receive a copy of the presentation, contact Birch Solar at the address or telephone number listed above.

Birch Solar anticipates filing its application with OPSB within 90 days of the live web/phone Q&A session. OPSB's case number for the project is 20-1605-EL-BGN and the filings made with the OPSB in the Birch Solar case can be viewed at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=20-1605&x=14&y=14>.

Upon the receipt of the application, OPSB will review the application to determine if it is complete so OPSB staff can begin its investigation. Should OPSB find the application complete, OPSB will set a date for public hearing, not less than 60 nor more than 90 days after such finding. The public hearing consists of two parts: a public hearing where OPSB will accept written or oral testimony and an adjudicatory hearing. 15 days prior to the public hearing, OPSB's staff will submit a written report on the project.

OPSB accepts written comments on the project from interested persons at any time, as well as written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing. Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by OPSB in accordance with a deadline set by OPSB. To request notification of the public hearing or submit comments in the docket contact OPSB at 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215, 1-866-270-6772, or contactOPSB@puc.state.oh.us. Petitions to intervene should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215 or can be electronically filed. All correspondence and petitions to intervene must include reference to Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN.

The following map shows the general outline of the project and location of the project area:



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Birch Solar

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COUNTY OF AUGLAIZE } SS
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, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Amy Jump of the Wapakoneta Daily News, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Wapakoneta, Auglaize County County, Ohio; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

November 07, 2020

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.
SIGNED:

Amy Jump

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Subscribed to and sworn to me this 7th day of November 2020.

Rebecca S Short

Rebecca S. Short, Business Manager, Auglaize County County, Ohio

My commission expires: August 14, 2023



REBECCA S. SHORT
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
My Commission Expires Aug. 14, 2023

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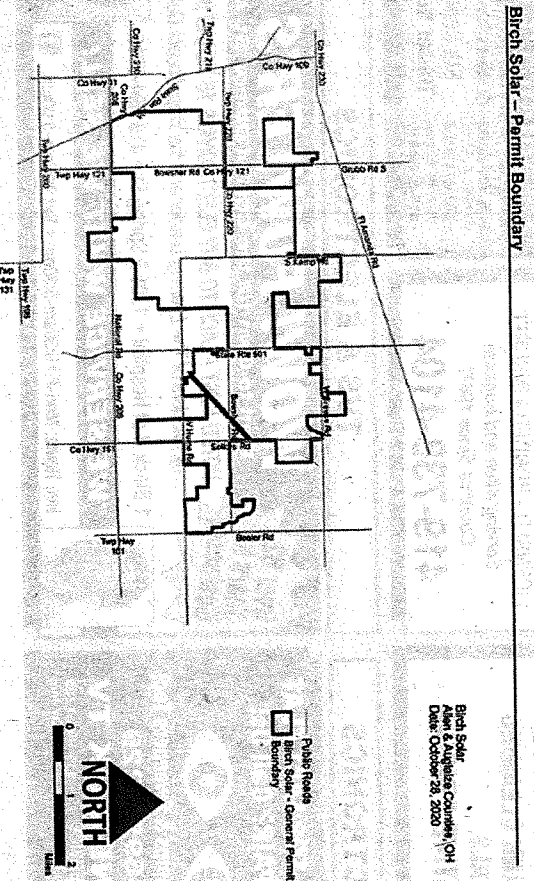
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Summary: Proof of Pub for Public Information Meetings electronically filed by Christine M.T. Pirik on behalf of Birch Solar, LLC