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I have great concerns that the application for the Birch Solar project will not result in a fair review . Christine Pirik is legal counsel for Lightsouce BP's (Birch Solar Energy). For many years Christine Pirik served as the commissions Chief of Staff and Deputy Legal Director for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Her roles as a regulator included managing 400 employees, overseeing legal and technical functions of the PUCO agencies. This is a major conflict of interest in regards to Birch Solar. Christine Pirik stated to the residents of Shawnee Township in a public meeting on 11/18/20 that she would not remove herself nor would the members of the sitting board that had a working relationship with her would recuse themselves. What power does she still have at the sitting board that she can answer this question for them? She stated at this meeting that the review would be a fair review based on facts. How are we suppose to believe this with the recent corruption for illegal kick-backs in order to get energy legislation passed. Why would Lightsouce BP seek her at as legal counsel to push the application through the Sitting Board? My fears are the citizens will not receive a fair review of their concerns as pockets have already been filled . The process is to far along to correct this problem. I believe the case should be put on hold until the Ohio Ethics Commission completes a full criminal investigation. Thank you for looking into this matter.



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