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Subject: Re: Birch Solar Project Public Meeting (20-1605-EL-BGN)

I would like to formally express concern about the Monday evening meeting.

The format did not allow all of the concerns to be effectively communicated.

The format needs to be modified to allow ALL participants to ask as many questions as possible to ensure a fair and transparent process.

Callers should be able to ask their own question with the involvement of the phone operator. Callers should not be cut off. Many of the online questions were not addressed. Please email me the transcript along with a formal record of all of the online questions.

Lightsource BP provided a great deal of inaccurate information. As one example, they stated Monday evening that around 700,000 panels would be involved. But all the data for 300 megawatts points out that you will need 1.5 million panels on average. That's nearly double what's stated. I don't see how they can arrive anywhere near 300 megawatts with only 700,000 panels.

The next set of hearings should not move forward until face to face hearing can be offered.

I was looking at many of the solar farm cases and the name Pirik keeps coming up as the attorney regardless of the solar developer. This person was a long time employee of the agency. Your agency and the industry has a great deal of corruption and bridges. Extraordinary steps need to be taken during this crisis of confidence and trust to avoid all possible appearances of corruption until the scandals are resolved. Following regulations is not sufficient with the recent events.

Thank you for reviewing my comments.

All the best,
BM

On Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 7:48 AM matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov
<matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov> wrote:

Hello Dr. Mayer,

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I'm sorry to hear that you experienced these issues attempting to access Friday's meeting and will share your concerns with the OPSB staff and Legal Department. Your email below will be filed in the public comments section of the case record.

The meeting hosted by Birch Solar this evening can also be accessed by phone. If you experience issues with the weblink, you may call toll-free 1-877-229-8493, and then enter the access ID code 120041# when prompted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Respectfully,

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Hello Mr. Butler:

I was not able to gain web access to the virtual public information meeting on Friday. This was very stressful and time consuming as I attempted on more than 5 computers. After totally stressing about the problem, I realized that the situation was created intentionally by Lightsource BP to discourage attendance.

How can we trust Lightsource BP when they can't even be sufficiently transparent to offer a meeting to everyone that opposes the project? OR. How can Lightsource BP operate a large solar facility when they can't even effectively offer a virtual meeting?

We already had to make a trade off by not having a F2F meeting. Listening to the meeting on a phone line is not an acceptable option. What changes are happening for Monday to make sure that virtual access is available? You will not be able to trust Lightsource BP again. A back up plan is needed.

Additionally, scheduling on a Friday evening before the weekend is inconvenient. Furthermore,

scheduling the same week as the Thanksgiving holiday is unacceptable. Clearly the available time options are being done to discourage attendance.

Collectively the signal is clear. No F2F options with social distancing requirements enforced. Failing technology. Inconvenient times. Make it as hard as possible to participate.

Thank you.

Dr. Bob Mayer

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