

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Madison Fields Solar Project, LLC for a	:	
Certificate of Environmental	:	
Compatibility and Public Need to	:	Case No. 19-1881-EL-BGN
Construct a Solar Powered Electric	:	
Generation Facility in Madison County,	:	
Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Matthew Butler

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

STAFF EX. ____

December 9, 2020

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Matthew Butler, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as an
7 Administrative Officer 2 in the Power Siting Department. I am assigned to
8 work on power siting issues, in a project lead and public affairs capacity.
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I received a B.A. in history from The Ohio State University. I have been
12 employed by the PUCO since 2000 in the Office of Public Affairs, the
13 Energy and Environment Department, the Rates and Analysis Department,
14 and the Power Siting Department.
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16 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board
17 (Board)?

18 A. Yes. I have testified in prior proceedings before the Board on behalf of
19 Board staff (Staff).
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1 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

2 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was
3 filed in the docket of this case on November 18, 2020. In addition, as a
4 signatory party, Staff supports the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation
5 that was filed in this docket on December 9, 2020.
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7 6. Q. What was your role in this case?

8 A. I was the Staff project lead for the investigation that resulted in the Staff
9 Report. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation and filing of the
10 Staff Report in this case. I also am responsible for several sections of the
11 Staff Report.
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13 7. Q. What sections of the Staff Report did you substantively contribute to?

14 A. I am responsible for the following Staff Report sections: Applicant,
15 Application History, Project Description, Site Selection, Minimizing
16 Impacts, Public Interaction and Participation, and Water Conservation
17 Practice. Additionally, as stated in the prior answer, I managed the Staff
18 investigation and preparation and filing of the Staff Report, as a whole, in
19 this case.
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1 8. Q. Are you responsible for any conditions in the Staff Report? If so, which
2 ones?

3 A. Yes. I am responsible for conditions 1-7 and condition 9.
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5 9. Q. What kind of case is this?

6 A. The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a solar powered electric
7 generation facility located in Madison County, Ohio.
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9 10. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

10 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
11 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information
12 from the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the
13 Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a
14 Staff Report that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and
15 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff recommends
16 that the Board approve the application, subject to the 20 conditions that are
17 presented in the Stipulation.
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19 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

20 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental
21 testimony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in
22 response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Matthew Butler**, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Power Siting Department, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 9th day of December 2020.

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