

December 14, 2020

Tanowa Troupe, Secretary  
Administration/Docketing  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Re: In the Matter of Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 100 MW Solar-Powered Electric Generating Facility to Be Located in Highland County, Ohio, Case No. 20-1288-EL-BGN/Proof of Initial Public Notice & Publication**

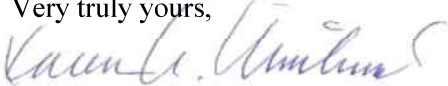
Dear Ms. Troupe:

This letter is intended to serve as Hecate Energy 4 LLC's ("Hecate Energy's") Proof of Initial Public Notice required by Ohio Admin. Code 4906-3-09(A)(1) with respect to the New Market Solar Farm, a 100 MW solar-powered electric generating facility to be located in Highland County, Ohio ("New Market Solar" or "Project").

Hecate Energy hereby certifies that a copy of the attached "Notice of Proposed Major Utility facility" with cover letter and map contained in Attachment A was served upon the persons or entities that are identified in Attachments B and C via First Class U.S. Mail on December 1, 2020.

Hecate Energy also hereby certifies that public notice of its accepted complete application was published on Friday, December 11, 2020 in the Hillsboro Times-Gazette; Saturday, December 12, 2020 in the Highland County Press; and Sunday, December 13, 2020 in the Brown County Press—all newspapers of general circulation in the area surrounding the Project—as shown by the affidavit of publication attached hereto as Attachment D.

Very truly yours,



Karen A. Winters  
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP  
Enclosures

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December 1, 2020

**Re: In the Matter of Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 100 MW Solar-Powered Electric Generating Facility in Clay and Whiteoak Townships in Highland County, Ohio Case No. 20-1288-EL-BGN (Before the Ohio Power Siting Board)**

Dear Landowner and/or Occupant:

We hope you are doing well and in good health during these unprecedented times. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4906-3-09(A)(1), Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC ("Hecate Energy") is providing you with a copy of the enclosed initial public notice of its proposed 100 megawatt solar powered electric generating facility to be located on approximately 1,116 acres in Clay and Whiteoak Townships in Highland County, Ohio ("New Market Solar" or "Project") for which an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need is pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. Hecate Energy has requested that the certificate, if issued, be bifurcated into two separate and distinct projects: (1) New Market Solar I, a 65 MW facility that will be developed, constructed and operated by Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC and will occupy 582 acres of the Project site; and (2) New Market Solar II, a 35 MW facility that will be developed, constructed, and operated by Hecate Energy Highland 2, LLC and will occupy 222 acres of the Project site. You are being notified because your residence or business is located in the general vicinity of the proposed Project.

Please call the undersigned with any questions you may have regarding these proceedings of the Project.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Winters  
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Enclosure

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# **NOTICE OF PROPOSED** **MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY**

Hecate Energy Highland 4, LLC (“Hecate Energy”) is proposing to develop, build, and operate an approximately 100 megawatt solar powered electric generation facility to be located on approximately 1,116 acres in Clay and Whiteoak Townships, Highland County, Ohio (“Project”). A map showing the location and general layout of the proposed facility is below.

The Project will generate clean, renewable electricity and deliver that electricity to the regional grid through Dayton Power & Light’s Clay Substation. The Project is designed to minimize impacts to the environment and natural resources as well as the viewshed of adjacent property owners. The general purpose of the Project is to provide power to the PJM grid. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2021, with completion and the start of commercial operations by the fourth quarter of 2021.

Hecate Energy has filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board” or “Power Siting Board”) an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (“Certificate”) to construct the Project in Case No. 20-1288-EL-BGN, which is now pending before the Board. Copies of the application were served upon the Highland County Board of Commissioners, Whiteoak Township Board of Trustees, Clay Township Board of Trustees, Highland County Planning Commission, Highland County Engineer, the Highland County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, and the Mayor of the Village of Sardinia. A notice of availability stating where a copy of the application can be located was provided to and is available at the public at the Hillsboro Public Library. The application is available on Hecate Energy’s website at <http://www.NewMarketSolar.com>, at Hecate’s main office at 621 West Randolph Street, Suite 200, Chicago, Illinois 60661 as well as at the Board at 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and on its website at [www.opsb.ohio.gov](http://www.opsb.ohio.gov) or by calling 1-866-270-6772.

The Board follows the criteria outlined in R.C. 4906.10(A) for review of an application for a major utility facility:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric

systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economic and reliability;

(5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code;

(6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

(7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site;  
and

(8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Hecate Energy has requested that the Certificate, if issued, be bifurcated into two separate projects, the first for (1) New Market Solar I, a 65 MW facility that will occupy 582 acres of the Project site to be constructed and operated by Hecate Energy; and (2) New Market Solar II, a 35 MW facility, which will occupy 222 acres of the Project site, to be constructed and operated by Hecate Energy Highland 2, LLC.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed Project. Due to the health issues presented by COVID-19, the public hearings will not be held in person. Instead, they will be conducted by telephone and live video on the internet. The public hearings for this proceeding shall consist of two parts:

(a) A public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person, commencing on **January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m** held virtually via Webex. Any testimony to be provided will be limited to five minutes in duration. Interested persons who wish to provide testimony regarding the Project must pre-register with the Commission before 12:00 p.m., on January 15, 2021, at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/events/new-market-solar-public-hearing> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. Interested individuals who wish to attend the public hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling +1-408-418-9388 and entering access code 173 492 7444. The local public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at [www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio](http://www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio). Additional information is available on the

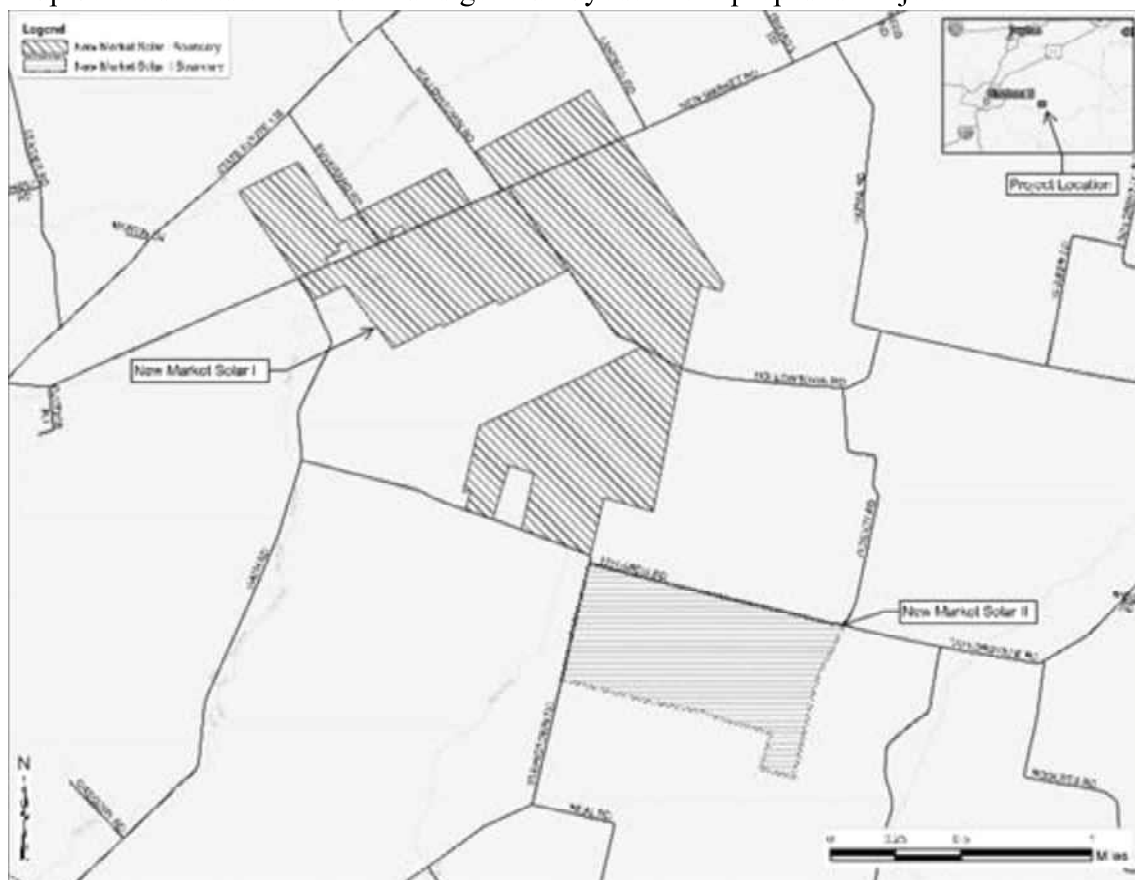
Board's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/cases/20-1288-el-bgn> or by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

(b) An evidentiary hearing to commence on **January 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m** held virtually via Webex. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Board's consideration, a copy of the document, along with a reference to Case No. 20-1288-EL-BGN, must be provided to the Board by January 22, 2021, by email at [contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov) or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Board's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/help-center/contact-us> or by email to [contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov) or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Petitions to intervene in the evidentiary hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C), or by December 30, 2020, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

The map below shows the location and general layout of the proposed Project.



## **ATTACHMENT B**

**List of Owners / Affected Tenants of a Property Crossed and/or Adjacent to the  
Preferred and Alternative Routes for Transmission Lines and/or a New  
Generation Site**





**LEGEND**

Site

Adjacent Parcel

Project No.:  
49187638A

Date:  
Jul 2020

Drawn By:  
RFC

Reviewed By:  
EK

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**65MW Facility : Property Map**

OHIO POWER  
SITING BOARD APPLICATION  
HIGHLAND SOLAR PROJECT  
HIGHLAND COUNTY, OH

**Exhibit**

**A1**

Number	Last Name/Entity Name	First Name	Parced No.	Township	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Acreage	Property Address (if mailing address differs)	Additional Address Provided
1	BUSHELMAN	DAVID A & PAM S / SURV	05-18-000-216.01	CLAY	2871 S R 131	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	42.8		
2	HOLBROOK	ANDREW & BRANDI CROMER / SURV	05-18-000-168.00	CLAY	3516 EUVERARD RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	2		
3	DAVIDSON	MARGARET FRANCES / ET AL	05-18-000-169.00	CLAY	2784 HOLLOWTOWN RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	14.21		
4	DAVIDSON	MARGARET FRANCES / ET AL	05-18-000-170.00	CLAY	2784 HOLLOWTOWN RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	25	3440 EUVERARD ROAD	
5	DAVIDSON	MARGARET FRANCES / ET AL	07-18-000-488.00	WHITEOAK	2784 HOLLOWTOWN RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	15		
6	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-487.00	WHITEOAK	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	26.36		
7	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-488.00	WHITEOAK	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	39.83		
8	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-489.00	WHITEOAK	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	11.307	2820 GATH RD N	
9	LANDRESS	LORA S & DALE C/O TRUSTEES DAVIDSON PROPERTY TRUST	19-18-000-100.00	HAMER	1921 DEL LAURE AVE	DAYTON	OH	45420	11.309		
10	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	19-18-000-101.00	HAMER	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	33		
11	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-374.00	HAMER	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	20.00		
12	FETTERS	JEFF & SHERLYNN / SURV	47-18-000-376.00	WHITEOAK	3134 W NEW MARKET RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	2		
13	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-376.01	WHITEOAK	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	43.54		
14	CARR FARMS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-383.00	WHITEOAK	4790 RIDGE RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	43.21		
15	CARR FARMS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	45-18-000-384.01	WHITEOAK	4790 RIDGE RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	43.49		
16	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	45-18-000-376.00	WHITEOAK	3641 RURAL RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	52.74		
17	ROUSH	BETTY JEAN / LFEET / ET AL	45-18-000-372.00	WHITEOAK	725 S HIGH ST. UNIT 4	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	81		
18	NAVE LINDA		45-24-000-400.00	WHITEOAK	989 U S 62	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	70		
19	WILSON	DANNY M & PHYLLIS	45-24-000-397.00	WHITEOAK	3131 EDWARDS RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	8.87		
20	WILSON	DANNY M & PHYLLIS	45-24-000-398.00	WHITEOAK	3131 EDWARDS RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	22		
21	WILSON	DANNY M & PHYLLIS	45-24-000-399.00	WHITEOAK	3131 EDWARDS RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	33.8		
22	HAGGE	MARLYNN & JEFF ALAN TRUSTEE / TRUSTEES	45-24-000-399.00	WHITEOAK	3131 EDWARDS RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	19.43		
23	HAGGE	WAYNE & MELISSA / SURV	45-24-000-371.00	WHITEOAK	353 JAYNESVILLE RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	18.25		196.431
24	HAGGE WAYNE & MELISSA / SURV		45-24-000-376.00	WHITEOAK	353 JOHNSON ST. LOT 7	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	71.26		
25	CARRAHER FARMS		45-24-000-376.00	WHITEOAK	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	52		
26	CARRAHER FARMS		45-24-000-483.01	WHITEOAK	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	20		
27	CARRAHER FARMS	SHIRLEY E / TOD	45-24-000-483.00	WHITEOAK	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	46.87		
28	AMC FARMS LLC	BETTY S	45-23-000-480.00	WHITEOAK	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	45.82		
29	BRATTON	BETTY S	45-23-000-476.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 216	SARONNA	OH	45171	64.88		
30	BRATTON	BETTY S	45-23-000-479.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 216	SARONNA	OH	45171	14.87		
31	AMC FARMS LLC		45-23-000-472.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 888	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45788	19.84		
32	AMC FARMS LLC		45-23-000-481.01	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 888	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45788	48.51		
33	AMC FARMS LLC		45-23-000-481.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 888	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45788	48.51		
34	HAGGE	JERRY & MARY / SURV	05-23-000-220.00	CLAY	3468 KYLES LN	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	46.32		
35	CARRAHER FARMS		05-23-000-249.00	CLAY	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	38.84		
36	CARRAHER FARMS	JOHN W III & HEATHER L / SURV	05-23-000-251.01	CLAY	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	0.64		
37	CARRAHER FARMS	JOHN W III & HEATHER L / SURV	05-23-000-251.00	CLAY	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	0.64		
38	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP		05-23-000-249.00	CLAY	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	6.82		
39	OLIVER BRIAN E & SHAUNA J		05-23-000-248.01	CLAY	2148 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	6.427	2140 GATH RD N	
40	KILEY	DAVID A & AMANDA D / SURV	05-23-000-246.02	CLAY	2221 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	15		
41	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP		05-23-000-246.00	CLAY	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171			
42	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP	NELSON & PATRICIA / SURV / TOD	05-23-000-244.00	CLAY	2465 STRINGDOWN RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	87.82		
43	WINKLE		05-23-000-258.00	CLAY	1440 PARROT LN	SARONNA	OH	45171	96.55		
44	DUNSETH	JAMES R	05-23-000-246.01	CLAY	2320 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	1.89		
45	AMC FARMS LLC		05-23-000-255.00	CLAY	PO BOX 385	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45988	0.18		
46	DUNSETH	JAMES R	05-23-000-255.00	CLAY	2320 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	1.38		
47	BRINSON	GORDON B & JENNIFER L / SURV	05-23-000-252.00	CLAY	2415 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	1.38		
48	HOSHINS	FREDDIE & KATHLEEN / SURV	05-23-000-264.03	CLAY	2415 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	6.989		
49	SAMS	RONNIE & ROCHELLE / SURV	05-23-000-262.00	CLAY	2410 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	28.53		
50	SAMS	BEVERLY	05-23-000-262.00	CLAY	710 S R 134	SARONNA	OH	45171	27.61		
51	SAMS		05-23-000-262.01	CLAY	1061 S R 134	SARONNA	OH	45171	26.886	2491 GATH RD N	
52	SAMS	RONNIE & ROCHELLE / SURV	47-23-000-481.01	WHITEOAK	710 S R 134	SARONNA	OH	45171	0.918		
53	SAMS	BEVERLY	47-23-000-481.02	WHITEOAK	1051 S R 134	SARONNA	OH	45171	1.64		
54	WEST HIGHLAND ACRES		05-23-000-272.00	CLAY	PO BOX 385	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	68.573		
55	WEST HIGHLAND ACRES		47-23-000-486.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 385	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	5.086		
56	BURKE	JOHN F	47-23-000-486.00	WHITEOAK	2820 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	97.3		
57	BURKE	JOHN F	05-23-000-274.00	CLAY	2820 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	91.232		
58	DAVIDSON	GARY & DEANNA	47-23-000-485.02	WHITEOAK	2864 EDWARDS ROAD	SARONNA	OH	45171	3.301		
59	KATTELMAN	DAVID L JR & STACY & BARBARA	47-23-000-485.01	WHITEOAK	1881 KELCH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	2.89	2708 EDWARDS RD	
60	GILLIAM	ANNIE	47-18-000-498.01	WHITEOAK	2778 EDWARDS RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	1.52		
61	BOWMAN	HAROLD JR	47-23-000-499.01	WHITEOAK	210 W MAIN ST	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	1.07		
62	PELFREY	LESLIE FRANKLIN & TERESA S / SURV	47-23-000-501.01	WHITEOAK	2881 EDWARDS RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	14.87		
63	CARRAHER	JOHN WILLIAM JR & LOUISE ANN	47-23-000-484.01	WHITEOAK	2889 EDWARDS RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	0.00		
64	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-487.00	WHITEOAK	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	20.00		
65	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-487.00	WHITEOAK	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	20.00		
66	LANDRELL	BEVERLY	47-18-000-483.00	WHITEOAK	1461 CARDINAL PL	GREENSBORO	NC	27408	170.82		
67	LANDRESS	THEODORE B & JACQUELYN S / SURV / TOD	47-18-000-483.00	WHITEOAK	3184 S R 138	SARONNA	OH	45171	34.19		
68	OUR FAMILY FARMS LLC	GARY LEE	05-18-000-482.00	WHITEOAK	895 BROWN RD	FAYETTEVILLE	OH	45118	2.77		
69	ABRAHAM		05-18-000-177.00	CLAY	3170 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	10		
70	OUR FAMILY FARMS LLC	DANIEL S & REGINA	05-18-000-177.01	CLAY	895 BROWN RD	FAYETTEVILLE	OH	45118	47.71		
71	CROY		05-18-000-181.00	CLAY	3083 N GATH RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	38.2		
72	REHARK	RICHARD R & RAE-ANN / SURV / TOD	05-18-000-191.00	CLAY	PO BOX 181449	FAIRFIELD	OH	45018	50.3		
73	GUINBERT	ROBERT W & JACQUELINE F	05-18-000-174.00	CLAY	2585 W NEW MARKET RD	SARONNA	OH	45171	2.76		
74	CLARK	LEROY Q & CARRIE A / SURV	05-18-000-171.02	CLAY	2589 W NEW MARKET RD	LYNCHBURG	OH	45420	0.29		
75	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	05-18-000-175.00	CLAY	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	36.74		
76	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	05-18-000-174.01	CLAY	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	41.437		
77	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	05-18-000-171.00	CLAY	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	9.524		
78	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	05-18-000-173.00	CLAY	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	20.1		
79	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	05-18-000-172.00	CLAY	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	12.83		
80	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	47-18-000-482.00	WHITEOAK	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	27.38		
81	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	05-18-000-482.00	WHITEOAK	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	0.183		
82	CLARK	LEROY Q & CARRIE A / SURV	05-18-000-171.00	CLAY	2589 W NEW MARKET RD	LYNCHBURG	OH	45142	0.874		
83	CLARK	LEROY Q & CARRIE A / SURV	47-18-000-490.01	WHITEOAK	2589 W NEW MARKET RD	LYNCHBURG	OH	45142	0.874		
84	PETERSON	MARY / TRUSTEE	47-18-000-490.00	WHITEOAK	2632 S R 134	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	25.679		
85	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		47-18-000-485.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	32.5		
86	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		47-18-000-485.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	20		
87	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		47-18-000-484.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	21		
88	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		47-18-000-478.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	95		
89	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		47-18-000-379.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	18		



65MW - Property Owner Details  
Terracon Project No. 49187638A  
07/31/2020

Number	Last Name/Entity Name	First Name	Parcel No.	Township	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Acreage	Property Address (if mailing address differs)	Additional Address Provided
90	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		47-18-000-377.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	85		
91	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		47-18-000-380.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	65.18		
92	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		45-18-000-381.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	12.88		
93	ROUGH SISTERS INC C/O DOROTHY DICKEY		45-18-000-373.00	WHITEOAK	10857 CHESTER RD	CINCINNATI	OH	45264	67.25		
94	CARRAHER FARMS		47-18-000-450.00	WHITEOAK	2465 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	50.88		
95	CARRAHER FARMS		47-24-000-395.01	WHITEOAK	2465 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	123.09		
96	AMC FARMS LLC		47-23-000-484.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	126.53		
97	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP		45-24-000-394.00	WHITEOAK	2465 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	96.11		
98	AMC FARMS LLC		45-23-000-483.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	64.5		
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102	AMC FARMS LLC		06-22-000-352.00	CLAY	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	8.61		
103	AMC FARMS LLC		06-22-000-351.00	CLAY	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	70.469		
104	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP		06-22-000-346.00	CLAY	2465 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	30.298	2221 GATH RD N	
105	AMC FARMS LLC		45-22-000-478.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	12.86		



- LEGEND**
- Parent Tract
  - Adjacent Parcel

Project No.:	49187638A
Date:	Jul 2020
Drawn By:	RFC
Reviewed By:	EK

**Terracon**

18001 W. 106th Street, Suite 300 Olathe, KS 66061  
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**35MW Facility : Parcel Map**

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 HIGHLAND COUNTY, OH

**Exhibit**

**A1**

35MW Plant - Property Owner Details  
Terracon Project No. 49187638A  
07/31/2020

Number	Last Name/Entity Name	First Name	Parcel No.	Township	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Acreage	Property Address (if mailing address differs)	Additional Address Provided
1	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP	NELSON & PATRICIA / SURV / TOD	05-23-000-244.00	CLAY	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	87.82		
2	WINKLE	GORDON B & JENNIFER L / SURV	05-23-000-258.00	CLAY	1440 PARROT LN	SARDINIA	OH	45171	96.55		
3	BRINSON	JAMES R	05-23-000-258.01	CLAY	2415 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	6.808		
4	DUNSEITH	JAMES R	05-23-000-257.00	CLAY	2320 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	1.38		
5	AMC FARMS LLC	JAMES R	05-23-000-256.00	CLAY	2320 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	1.36		
6	DUNSEITH	JAMES R	05-23-000-253.00	CLAY	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	0.18		
7	DUNSEITH	FREDDIE & KATHLEEN / SURV	05-23-000-246.01	CLAY	2320 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	1.59		
8	HOSKINS	RONNIE & ROCHELLE / SURV	05-23-000-264.03	CLAY	2410 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	28.53		
9	SAMS	BEVERLY	05-23-000-262.00	CLAY	710 S R 134	SARDINIA	OH	45171	27.61		
10	SAMS	RONNIE & ROCHELLE / SURV	05-23-000-262.01	CLAY	1051 S R 134	SARDINIA	OH	45171	26.866	2491 GATH RD N	
11	SAMS	BEVERLY	47-23-000-481.01	WHITEOAK	710 S R 134	SARDINIA	OH	45171	0.918		
12	WEST HIGHLAND ACRES		05-23-000-272.00	CLAY	1051 S R 134	SARDINIA	OH	45171	1.64		
13	WEST HIGHLAND ACRES		47-23-000-486.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 365	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	68.578		
14	BURKE	JOHN F	47-23-000-485.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 365	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	5.096		
15	AMC FARMS LLC		47-23-000-484.00	WHITEOAK	2820 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	9.73		
16	CARRAHER FARMS		47-23-000-395.01	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	125.53		
17	WILSON	DANNY M & PHYLLIS	45-24-000-396.00	WHITEOAK	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	123.09		
18	WILSON	DANNY M & PHYLLIS	45-24-000-398.00	WHITEOAK	3131 EDWARDS RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	22		
19	NAVE	LINDA	45-24-000-399.00	WHITEOAK	3131 EDWARDS RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	33.5		
20	SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT		45-24-000-399.01	WHITEOAK	969 U S 62	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	28.50		
21	FETERS	CHARLES H & STELLA	45-23-000-401.00	WHITEOAK	2401 NW 23RD ST, SUITE 1D	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73107	5.00	3345 EDWARDS RD	
22	MILLER	GREGORY L / TOD	45-23-000-261.01	CLAY	3371 EDWARDS ROAD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	1		
23	BURWINKLE	BETTY A & MARY F BRAULT	05-23-000-406.00	WHITEOAK	2481 N GATH RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45171	2.89		
24	HESS	TERESA A	45-24-000-404.01	WHITEOAK	3471 EDWARDS RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	1.33	2585 FENDER RD	
25	EDWARDS	JEFFREY R & CRYSTAL M	45-24-000-470.00	WHITEOAK	1244 ARAPAHO DR	MORROW	OH	45132	67.43	2871 FENDER RD	
26	HESS	ERICH-JOSEPH S	45-24-000-405.00	WHITEOAK	3471 EDWARDS RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	2.63		
27	BURGEL	GREG A & DEBRA D	45-24-000-476.02	WHITEOAK	3497 EDWARDS RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	2.00		
28	HAUKE	WILLIAM T & SHARON F	45-24-000-391.01	WHITEOAK	3249 S R 131	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	39.88		
29	BRATTON	MARILYNN & JEFF ALAN HAUKE	45-24-000-389.00	WHITEOAK	2315 TAYLORSVILLE RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	131.06	2241 TAYLORSVILLE RD	
30	WHITE OAK F L P		45-24-000-388.01	WHITEOAK	835 SHAWNEETRACE CT	CINCINNATI	OH	45255	96.72	2185 TAYLORSVILLE RD	
31	YOUNG	ITCHIE & JULIE / SURV	45-24-000-390.00	WHITEOAK	1400 S TAYLORSVILLE RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	16.967		
32	HAGGE	WAYNE & MELISSA / SURV	45-24-000-378.02	WHITEOAK	835 SHAWNEETRACE CT	CINCINNATI	OH	45255	47.20		
33	HAGGE	WAYNE & MELISSA / SURV	45-24-000-378.00	WHITEOAK	332 JOHNSON ST, LOT 7	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	18.24		
34	HAGGE	WAYNE & MELISSA / SURV	45-24-000-376.00	WHITEOAK	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	52		
35	CARRAHER FARMS		45-23-000-483.01	WHITEOAK	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	20		
36	CARRAHER FARMS		45-23-000-480.00	WHITEOAK	2085 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	140.57		
37	EYRE	SHIRLEY E / TOD	45-23-000-476.00	WHITEOAK	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	64.88		
38	AMC FARMS LLC	BETTY S	45-23-000-479.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 215	SARDINIA	OH	45171	14.87		
39	BRATTON	BETTY S	05-23-000-254.00	CLAY	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	19.84		
40	AMC FARMS LLC		05-23-000-487.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	35.61		
41	AMC FARMS LLC		05-23-000-220.00	CLAY	3465 KYLES LN	MOUNT ORAB	OH	45154	46.32		
42	HAGGE	JERRY & MARY / SURV	05-23-000-249.00	CLAY	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	38.84		
43	CARRAHER FARMS	JOHN W III & HEATHER L / SURV	05-23-000-251.01	CLAY	2226 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	0.64		
44	CARRAHER FARMS	JOHN W III & HEATHER L / SURV	05-23-000-250.00	CLAY	2226 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	0.89		
45	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP	DAVID A & AMANDA D / SURV	05-23-000-246.02	CLAY	2445 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	6.42		
46	KILEY		05-23-000-245.00	CLAY	2221 N GATH RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	15		
47	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP		05-23-000-246.00	CLAY	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	21.36		
48	CARRAHER FARMS PARTNERSHIP		05-23-000-246.00	CLAY	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	30.298	2221 GATH RD N	
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55	AMC FARMS LLC		45-24-000-394.00	WHITEOAK	PO BOX 985	WAYNESVILLE	OH	45068	64.5		
56	CARRAHER FARMS PTNRSHP		45-24-000-391.00	WHITEOAK	2455 STRINGTOWN RD	SARDINIA	OH	45171	96.11		
57	HAUKE	MARILYNN & JEFF ALAN HAUKE/ TRUSTEES	45-24-000-391.00	WHITEOAK	2315 TAYLORSVILLE RD	HILLSBORO	OH	45133	196.431		

## **ATTACHMENT C**

### **List of Persons Served Copy of the Application Pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code 4906-3-07**

Highland County Commissioners  
Jeff Duncan, Terry Britton & David Daniels  
119 Governor Foraker Place, Suite 211  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Highland County Engineer  
Chris Fauber  
138 Bowers Avenue  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Highland County Planning Commission  
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Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Highland County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Pam Bushelman  
514 Harry Sauner Road #2  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Office of the Mayor, City of Hillsboro  
Mayor Justin Harsha  
130 N. High Street  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Office of the Mayor, Village of Sardinia  
Mayor Tina Townes  
151 Maple Avenue  
Sardinia, Ohio 45171

Whiteoak Township Trustees  
c/o Wayne Ferguson, Fiscal Officer  
540 Five Points Road  
Sardinia, Ohio 45171

Clay Township Trustees  
c/o Patricia Winkle, Fiscal Officer  
1440 Parrot Lane  
Sardinia, Ohio 45171

Hillsboro Public Library  
10 Willettsville Pike  
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

## **ATTACHMENT D**

### **Newspaper Affidavits of Publication**



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## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF OHIO } SS  
COUNTY OF HIGHLAND }

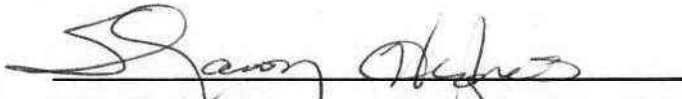
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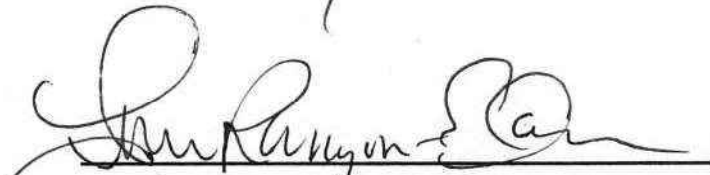
That she is Media Director of the HILLSBORO TIMES GAZETTE, a Daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in HILLSBORO, HIGHLAND County, OHIO; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

Dec 11, 2020

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

SIGNED:

  
Subscribed to and sworn to me this 11th day of Dec 2020

  
Ann Runyon-Elam, HIGHLAND County, OHIO

My commission expires: August 13, 2025

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COLUMBUS, OH 43215

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Locust Energy Highland 4, LLC ("Locust Energy") is proposing to develop, build, and operate an approximately 100 megawatt solar powered electric generation facility to be located on approximately 1,116 acres in Clay and Whitcomb Townships, Highland County, Ohio ("Project").

A map showing the location and general layout of the proposed facility is below.

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By Board Order the criteria outlined in R.C. 4906.06(A) for review of an application for a major utility facility:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impacts;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric systems economic and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3706, 3734, and 4311, of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 1501.35 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under sections 4561.12 of the Revised Code, the Board shall consult with the office of revision of the division of public utility planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.14 of the Revised Code;
- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929, of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the completion, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site;
- (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Locust Energy has requested that the Certificate, if issued, be bifurcated into two separate projects, the first for (1) New Market Solar I, a 65 MW facility that will occupy 83 acres of the Project site to be constructed and operated by Locust Energy; and (2) New Market Solar II, a 35 MW facility, which will occupy 222 acres of the Project site to be constructed and operated by Locust Energy Highland 1, LLC.

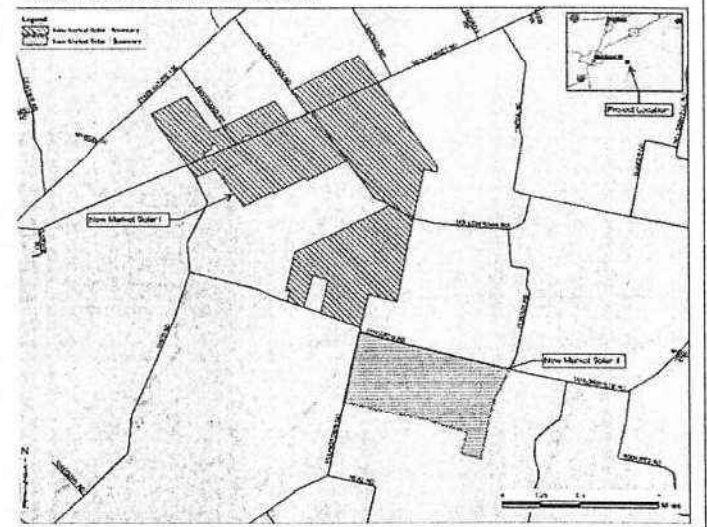
The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed Project. Due to the health issues presented by COVID-19, the public hearings will not be held in person. Instead, they will be conducted by telephone and live video on the internet. The public hearings for this proceeding shall consist of two parts:

- (a) A public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(C), where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person, commencing on January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. held virtually via Webex. Any testimony to be provided will be limited to five minutes in duration. Interested persons who wish to provide testimony regarding the Project must pre-register with the Commission before 12:00 p.m., on January 13, 2021, at <https://oprb.ohio.gov/portal/govtop/bp/external/new-market-solar-public-hearing> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-486-7836. Interested individuals who wish to attend the public hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling +1-606-418-7166 and entering access code 173 492 7444. The local public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at [www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio](http://www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio). Additional information is available on the Board's website at <https://oprb.ohio.gov/portal/govtop/bp/external/new-market-solar-public-hearing> or by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-486-7836.
- (b) An evidentiary hearing to commence on January 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. held virtually via Webex. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Board's consideration, a copy of the documents, along with a reference to Case No. 19-1188-EL-BGN, must be provided to the Board by January 21, 2021, by email at [contactOPS@puc.ohio.gov](mailto:contactOPS@puc.ohio.gov) or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 190 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Board's website at <https://oprb.ohio.gov/portal/govtop/bp/external/contact-us> or by email at [contactOPS@puc.ohio.gov](mailto:contactOPS@puc.ohio.gov) or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 190 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Intention to intervene in the evidentiary hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C), or by December 30, 2020, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the evidentiary hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 190 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3799 and use the above-stated case number.

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The Board follows the criteria outlined in R.C. 4906.10(A) for review of an application for a major utility facility:

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- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929, of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site; and
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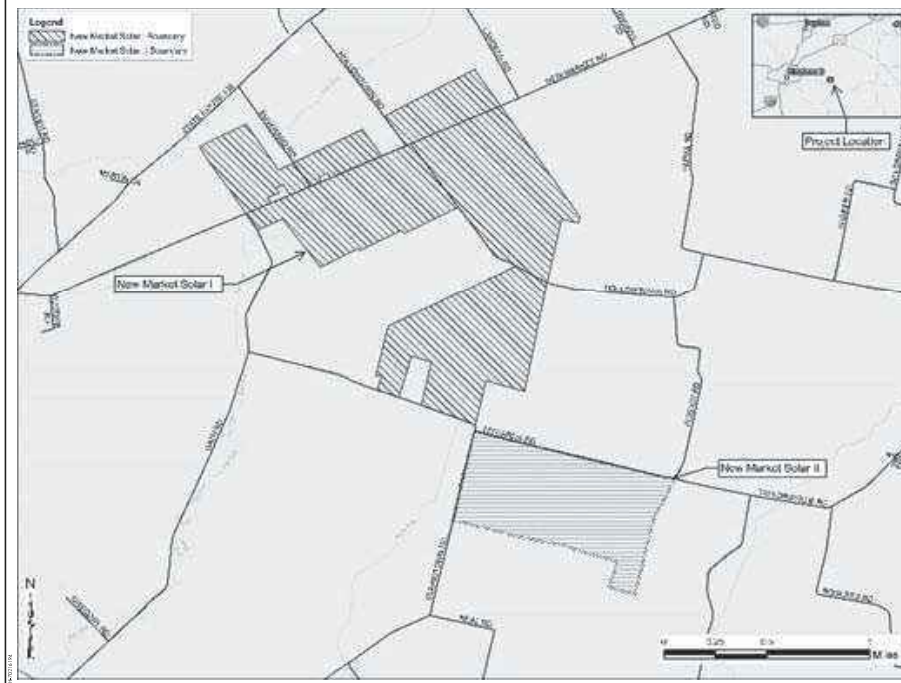
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## LOCAL

### Jamie Wheeler named new executive director for Chamber, Visitors Bureau



Jamie Wheeler

Boards of Directors from the Highland County Chamber of Commerce (HCCOC) and Visitors Bureau of Highland County (VBHC) welcomed their new executive director, Jamie Wheeler, to the organizations on Dec. 1, as announced Dec. 8.

Wheeler succeeds Destiny Bryson, who departed the organizations in July for a new role with the Ohio Southeast Economic Development team. Wheeler will serve as the single point of contact for these two county nonprofit organizations.

The Chamber's programs are designed to serve the network of over 100 members by helping support business needs while facilitating community development and encouraging economic development.

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"I look forward to building on the visions of both organizations that have been developed over the years," Wheeler said. "I'm excited to grow existing relationships, develop new ones and overall promote all the opportunities available in Highland County."

Wheeler brings to the position more than 15 years of experience in communications and public relations, membership recruitment and retention and event planning. Previous positions include director of members services and communications for the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, communications and business manager for Breckenridge World Online Sales and recently member support specialist for Premium Agricultural Commodities Inc.

"We're excited to welcome Jamie into this role," said Casey McIntosh, VBHC president and owner of Banter Up Bakery in Leesburg. "We greatly appreciate all of the hard work and dedication

Destiny put toward both organizations. She set the bar very high in finding a replacement. We interviewed a number of excellent candidates."

"Jamie's combined knowledge of member services and experience in digital communications will be key assets as our collaboration continues to evolve for the growth and prosperity of Highland County."

Wheeler received a bachelor of science in animal science from The Ohio State University and a master of science in agricultural communications from Oklahoma State University. She is a graduate of Ohio Farm Bureau's AgriPOWER Leadership Program and was honored as the 2019 National Junior Angus Association Advisor of the Year for her work in developing programs for youth involved with the organization.

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### Highland County Junior Leadership 4-H Club sends cards, ornaments to area assisted-living residents

By SARA NEWSOME  
Highland County  
Junior Leadership 4-H Club

On Dec. 2, the Highland County Junior Leadership 4-H Club met for their December meeting.

In lieu of their annual caroling trip to nursing homes in Hillsboro, members created Christmas cards to be delivered according to COVID-19

precautions.

In total, members were able to give over 150 cards and ornaments to assisted living and local nursing home patients residing at Heartland of Hillsboro as well as The Laurels of Hillsboro.

The Highland County Junior Leadership 4-H Club members would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season.

### Hillsboro FFA holds monthly meeting

By BEN FLOREA  
Treasurer  
Hillsboro FFA

On Oct. 27, the Hillsboro FFA chapter held their monthly meeting.

The meeting was inside the Hillsboro High School's Barnhouse Center.

The students were fed pizza, french fries, milk and fruit provided by the cafeteria.

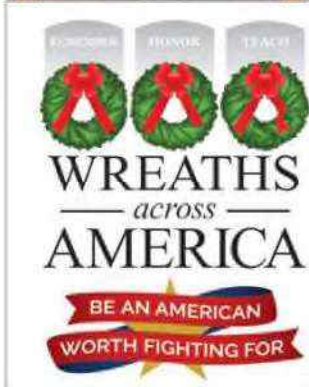
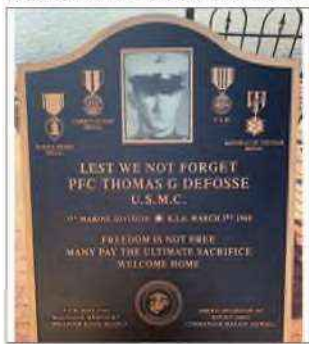
Hannah Hopkins, the secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, and

Ben Florea gave a treasurer's report about the fruit sale. The Hillsboro FFA president, Kelcie Thornburgh, took a vote on the incentive for the FFA fruit sale.

After the meeting was adjourned the members, officers and advisors, participated in "minute to win it" games.

"The games were so much fun," Griffin Pickett said. "They got all the members involved and kept the meeting interesting."





## Wreaths across America 2020

Wreaths Across America Ceremony 2020 will be hosted by the Ripley-Lieutenant Byrd Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter on Saturday 19 December 2020 at twelve noon at the Ripley Maplewood Cemetery large soldier monument. Mrs. Jane Griffin representing the DAR will lead the service with Mrs. Harriet Groh representing the GFWC Ripley Women's Club singing "Wind Beneath My Wings", and the Ripley American Legion Post 367 Commander Marion Sidwell and the Maysville Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 2734 Commander Eddie Briffy providing the Honor Guard 21-gun salute for this ceremony. Wreaths Across America recognizes that veterans are remembered at other times of the year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, but service members

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Photo: The Brown County Press  
Lizbeth Doss

## Doss joins Ring Real Estate

Ring Real Estate is very pleased to announce that Lizbeth Doss has joined our team! Liz likes to build relationships and bring joy to others by helping her clients recognize their dreams come true.

Liz gained extensive knowledge of houses from personally restoring many of them over the past years. She also lived in Lake Wayne for 27 years and served on their Board of Trustees. This knowledge, coupled with her experience as a business owner, has provided her with valuable skills that she uses daily in real estate negotiations, educating homebuyers and sellers, and effectively marketing her

listings. Liz not only earned the Rookie of the Year Award in 2009 when she began her real estate career, she also has been a member of the Southern Ohio Association of Realtors® Elite Club many times over the years since.

When not helping her clients achieve their dreams, Liz enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and gardening. She also continues restoring houses to their original beauty.

If you are looking for an experienced and trustworthy agent, whether selling or buying, give Liz a call at 937.515.1737 or at Ring Real Estate 937.378.3800.

## Candlelight Service cancelled

The Buford Church of Christ's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service has been cancelled this year due to Covid 19. However, our minister, Bob Cockrell, will be posting a Christmas Eve Message on our Facebook page — Buford Church of Christ. We hope you can enjoy this message at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. May your holidays be blessed!

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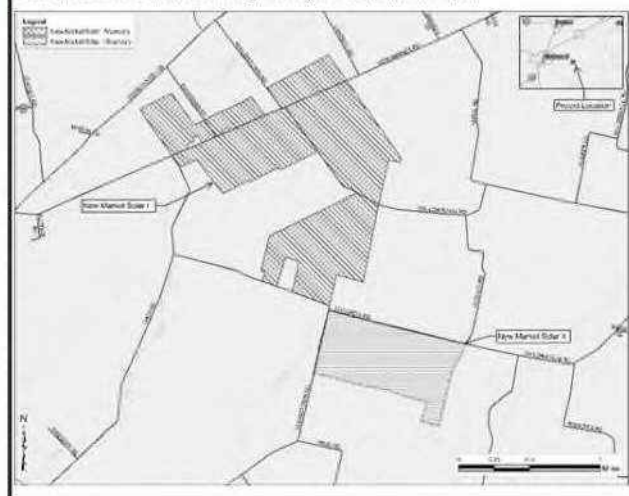
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