

From: [Butler, Matthew](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: public comment for 20-1677
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 8:41:27 AM

From: Trevor Adams
Sent: Sunday, December 27, 2020 9:35:24 AM
To: matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov <matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Request for another public meeting for Cadence solar, Please post under public comments for Cadence solar

Dear Power Siting Board,

I would like to request another public meeting for the Cadence solar project. Here are the reasons for a second public meeting.

- The 200 flyers sent had the following problems
 - The flyer did not mention a public meeting
 - Website for cadence solar is not identified
 - When I called the phone number listed no one answered and you could not even leave a message
 - On the cadence solar web site there is a place to request further information and when you fill in your questions you receive an error message
 - The flyer was left in my door just two days before the public meeting
 - No map was supplied or information for the location of the site
- The map displayed during the meeting was inadequate
 - The map was zoomed out so far I could not even identify my property, or the roads
 - The map did not include locations of the buildings, solar panels or substations

Sincerely,
Trevor Adams

From: [Butler, Matthew](#)
To: [Puco Docketing](#)
Subject: comment for 20-1677-EL-BGN
Date: Monday, January 4, 2021 8:43:36 AM

From: Carolyn Gibeaut <carolyn.gibeaut@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 1:19:41 PM
To: Pelanda, Dorothy <Dorothy.Pelanda@agri.ohio.gov>; Lance.Himes@odh.ohio.gov <Lance.Himes@odh.ohio.gov>; Mihalik, Lydia <Lydia.Mihalik@development.ohio.gov>; Stevenson, Laurie <Laurie.Stevenson@epa.ohio.gov>; Mertz, Mary <Mary.Mertz@dnr.ohio.gov>; Trombold, Beth <Beth.Trombold@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Cadence Solar project (20-1677-EL-BGN) Letter of Support

December 31, 2020

Re: Union County Cadence Solar Project 20-1677-EL-BGN

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board Members,

I am writing to you again to voice my support of the Cadence Solar project. I am concerned that there is a good deal of false information and rumors about the project being spread in the local community.

After much thought and discussion, our family decided to lease our farm as part of this project. We feel this is an opportunity for the community and our family. It will provide energy for the regional economy; minimize impact on the environment; and allow us to retain the property for multiple generations as farmland.

To follow is our views on many of the comments being raised via social media.

Many of the social media comments keep referring to this project being 5,100 acres of solar panels. If you take time to read the company materials and listened to the information meeting, you would know that probably half that acreage will actually be within the project. The 5,100 acres is the total under some type of lease with Invenergy including much of it being for transmission, which means a lot of this land everyone is worried about will remain as it is – farmland, wetlands or woods. The company has indicated it would not be cutting down woodlands or destroying wetland areas so this really shouldn't extensively affect hunting or wildlife. If anything, it will provide for additional wildlife since the project will be planted with prairie grasses, etc and the border areas with screening plantings. Birds and honey bees will especially benefit from the project. Some are making the claim that this is the largest solar plant in the state, country and even the entire world. None of these are correct. This project will be a 275 MW site and the largest in the world is in China with 1,540 MW. One being built in India will be 2,000 MW. The largest one currently being developed in the US is in Texas with 1,310 MW.

Why here, is a common question. One of the biggest reasons is the local substation and high voltage power lines have capacity which will allow for the cost effective addition of the power from this solar project. Many say why because Ohio is always cloudy. Today's solar panels don't really need direct

sunlight to produce electric – the panels actually collect solar energy on both sides of the panel. Even though it may be cloudy, most of the solar energy is reaching the surface. And in reality, it's not as cloudy here as most think. Solar farms are being put in many areas of the world that are much cloudier than Ohio, like England, Ireland, and other parts of northern Europe.

Why not build out in California or Arizona, in the desert? Electricity isn't the same as moving oil from one place to another. It needs to be generated in the general region of the country that it's being used. And Ohio, and especially the growing central Ohio region, have a great need for more energy. As Ohio loses its coal fired plants, new energy sources need to be added to the regional grid. It can't be shipped from out west since electricity energy is lost as it is transmitted through power lines. Another false claim is that the local community won't benefit from the electricity. If electricity is put on the regional grid then everyone is benefiting. Electricity from one source can't really be directly shown to be a benefit to one person and not another. Ohio needs to develop solar resources or it will be at a serious disadvantage to states and countries since low cost clean energy is needed, and indeed, demanded by most companies and communities.

Some are concerned about having to look at the panels or the fence. While this may be a short term issue before the screening plants mature fully, people all around the world have lived with all sorts of energy projects near them. For people to live like we do today and in the future, there will be a need for energy. And many farms already have fences, or animals would be wandering around the neighborhood. Depending on where the project is actually located, many won't even be able to see the panels at all. Once the design layout of the project is public, voice your individual concerns with the company. That's what Invenergy asked for during the community meeting, but until the layout of the solar farm is presented, there really isn't any substantial reason to speculate on being surrounded by panels.

The community has already changed with all the additional population due to Honda manufacturing in the area, as farms keep getting split up into more and more little lots for homes. If people are against this project for that reason, they should have been against Honda and all their subcontractor companies building in the area. If this is your concern, then you should be for this project since it will keep these properties and many of the surrounding farms as farmland. Families that lived on this farmland for decades, before all the property splits, have had to adjust to change, so people living in the community now should be able to adjust. Other changes that came and people adjusted to, include chicken farms, electric power lines, an electric substation, and all the other things that come with economic or technology changes.

Some are worried that farmland that feeds America is being used up. The reality is that there is plenty of food in this country with up to 40% or more of the food we produce not even being used. Incredible amounts of food are just thrown out in the trash. And a large amount of the corn being produced is being used to create ethanol. The project land will benefit by being able to take a break from commercial farming and will probably be much better off in the long run.

There has been a lot of disinformation about how solar panels are dangerous and pose a health hazard to the environment. Solar technology has progressed greatly over the past decades and the panels themselves contain little if anything that is toxic. Many of the concerns being mentioned are based on solar panels from 20 or 30 years ago when the technology was just getting started. If anyone is concerned about hazards to the environment, they should be more concerned about current mono-culture farming techniques used in this country and the use of chemicals and pesticides like Round-Up for agriculture and individual lawns. The grasses and other deep rooted prairie plants that are planned for the project will actually keep the soil and water cleaner and better than what it is now. Saying that the

land will be useless at the end of the project isn't telling the truth or just haven't really thought about the information presented.

Some individuals have been saying that the solar company has been sneaky because they didn't know anything about it. This in spite of the fact that the company has been working on this for over a year, had numerous meetings, mailings and postings in the local paper, has discussed it with county and township representatives. They have even went door to door. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the company directly before spreading false claims about the company or project. This is a long term process that in total takes years to complete, so there is plenty of time for anyone to bring valid concerns about the project. The state and federal government already have lots of rules and regulations surrounding energy projects. Contrary to rumors in the community and as your Board is well aware, Invenergy has to complete a multitude of independent and required studies on the affects of the project

on the land, water, wildlife and surrounding community during the application process. Before jumping to any conclusions, please check for the real facts and not the rumors and outright false information spread by social media.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our views and I hope your focus will be on the merit of this project and recognize this as an opportunity to be leaders in the future of energy. Change is always hard to face but I feel Invenergy does want to be a community partner. I recognize that every family affected needs to make the decision that is right for them. Our family considers this project an opportunity that will benefit our land, our community, our financial stability, and the environment in the long term. I urge you to consider supporting the Cadence Solar Project. Thank you for your attention and if you would like to discuss further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Carolyn (Styer) Gibeaut

This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on

1/4/2021 9:41:46 AM

in

Case No(s). 20-1677-EL-BGN

Summary: Public Comment Public Comment of Trevor Adams, Carolyn (Styer) Gibeaut via website electronically filed by Docketing Staff on behalf of Docketing