THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HECATE ENERGY HIGHLAND 4 LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED.

CASE NO. 20-1288-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 15, 2021

- **¶ 1**} Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC (Hecate) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.
- {¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without first obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.06, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 through 4906-4.
- {¶ 3} On September 2, 2020, Hecate filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct the Project.
- {¶ 4} On November 18, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a prehearing and hearing calendar in the case. As part of that Entry, Hecate's deadline for filing its factual and expert testimony is January 15, 2021.
- {¶ 5} On January 14, 2021, Hecate filed an unopposed motion for extension of its deadline for filing testimony. In the motion and supporting memorandum, Hecate indicates that settlement negotiations in the case support that a joint stipulation may be filed after the local public hearing, which is scheduled for January 19, 2021. Hecate indicates that the delay in filing its testimony will allow the negotiating parties to consider testimony at the local public hearing prior to filing its testimony, and the potential stipulation in the case. Hecate requests that the testimony filing deadline be extended to January 22, 2021.
- {¶ 6} The ALJ finds that good cause exists for the deadline extension. Hecate's deadline for filing its factual and expert testimony is extended to January 22, 2021. All other

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deadlines in the case are unchanged from those established in the Entry on November 18, 2020.

 $\{\P 7\}$ It is, therefore,

 $\{\P 8\}$ ORDERED, That Hecate's motion for extension of the deadline to file its factual and expert testimony be granted in accordance with Paragraph 6. It is, further,

 \P 9 ORDERED, That the remaining deadlines in the case are unchanged. It is, further,

 \P 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that Hecate's motion for extension of the deadline to file its factual and expert testimony be granted and ordering that the remaining deadlines in the case are unchanged electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Jesse Davis, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board