

OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ROSS COUNTY SOLAR, LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED.

CASE NO. 20-1380-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 26, 2021

{¶ 1} Ross County Solar, LLC (RCS) 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 obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).

{¶ 3} On October 30, 2020, RCS filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct and operate a solar-powered electric generation facility (Project) of up to 120 megawatts in Ross County, Ohio.

{¶ 4} On January 20, 2021 the Administrative Law Judge issued an Entry that, among other things, established the effective date of the application as January 20, 2021 and set the dates of the local public hearing for April 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., and the evidentiary hearing for April 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Information in the Entry indicated how prospective witnesses may register to testify at the local public hearing, and how attendees can view or listen to the proceeding. Since that time, the process for testifying at the local public hearing and attending the local public hearing has changed. This Entry serves to update the registration and attendance information since the issuance of the January 20, 2021 Entry.

{¶ 5} Accordingly, the process described herein should be used to register to testify at or attend the April 6, 2021 local public hearing. This process supersedes the process described in the January 20, 2021 Entry. Due to the continued state of emergency, the local public and evidentiary hearings will both be held using remote access technology that facilitates participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet. In regard to the local public hearing, interested persons who wish to provide testimony regarding the Project

must pre-register with the Board before 12:00 p.m., on April 5, 2021, at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/events/ross-county-solar-public-hearing> or by calling the Board at 1-800-686-7826. Testimony to be provided will be limited to five minutes in duration.

{¶ 6} 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 179 844 8456. The local public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio. Additional information is available on the Board's web site at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/cases/20-1380-el-bgn> or by contacting the Board's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

{¶ 7} Individuals interested in providing public testimony will be required to provide their full name, home address, telephone number, and email address, if available; state that they wish to register for the local public hearing in Case No. 20-1380-EL-BGN; specify whether they plan to join the remote access event by internet or by telephone; and indicate whether they intend to offer testimony. All individuals who plan to provide testimony using video access to the WebEx event, rather than providing testimony using a telephone-only connection to the event, must have a computer or smart device with a microphone and speakers, an email address, and reliable internet service.

{¶ 8} For purposes of the local public hearing, the Board will begin hearing testimony at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Individuals who have registered to testify will be asked to speak beginning shortly after 6:00 p.m., so all those who have registered should be prepared to speak at that time. For individuals who are speaking by telephone, the Board's staff will contact these individuals by telephone when it is time for their testimony and connect them to the public hearing. If access or other issues are experienced during the local public hearing, individuals should immediately use the chat function within WebEx or contact the Board's legal department at 1-614-466-6843 for assistance. For individuals who have difficulty participating in the local public hearing, an opportunity for

public testimony may also be available, for good cause shown, at the beginning of the evidentiary hearing.

{¶ 9} 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. 20-1380-EL-BGN, must be provided to the Board by April 13, 2021, by email at contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

{¶ 10} 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, or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference the case number for this matter.

{¶ 11} Access information for the local public hearing will be provided to counsel for the parties at their email address of record.

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That witness registration occur pursuant to Paragraphs 5, 6, 7, and 8. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

/s/ Jesse M. Davis

By: Jesse M. Davis
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that witness registration occur pursuant to Paragraphs 5, 6, 7, and 8. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board