

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Powell)
Creek Solar, LLC for a Certificate of)
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need)
for a Solar Facility Located in Putnam County,)
Ohio.)

Case No. 20-1084-EL-BGN

**POWELL CREEK SOLAR, LLC'S UPDATED RESPONSES TO
STAFF'S FOURTH SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

1. **It appears that the Inadvertent Return Contingency Plan in Appendix F was left out by mistake. Please provide this plan.**

RESPONSE:

The Inadvertent Return Contingency Plan was provided in the Application. It was included as Appendix F to the Ecological Assessment (Exhibit J to the Application).

2. **Is the applicant willing to commit to having an environmental specialist on site during construction activities where HDD activities may impact surface waters, and that the environmental specialist would have authority to stop HDD activities to ensure that any impacts related to a frac-out are addressed?**

RESPONSE:

The Applicant is willing to commit to having an environmental specialist on site during construction activities where HDD may impact surface waters. The environmental specialist would be familiar with the Inadvertent Return Plan and will have the availability to stop work if necessary.

3. **It appears that open cut installation is proposed for collection line crossing of some streams, while HDD is proposed for others. Is the applicant willing to commit to HDD for all collection line stream crossings? If not, please explain why some of these impacts are not practicably avoidable.**

RESPONSE:

The open cut installation associated with collection line installation shown for jurisdictional streams was an error in the Application. The Applicant will utilize trenchless

technologies (e.g., horizontal directional drilling, etc.) for collection line crossing to avoid impacts to perennial jurisdictional streams.

- 4. Please provide details on any planned implementation pollinator friendly plantings within the project area.**

RESPONSE:

The Applicant plans to use native seed mixes and native vegetation to restore disturbed areas and to lessen the visual impact. This native vegetation will include pollinator friendly plantings, as practical, and will provide greater biodiversity and ecological benefit than the monoculture of corn or soybeans that currently exists within the Project Area. Additional information on the use of native plant materials is included in the Landscape Mitigation Plan (Exhibit V of the Application).

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