

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Ross County Solar, LLC for a)	Case No. 20-1380-EL-BGN
Certificate of Environmental)	
Compatibility and Public Need)	

**PROOF OF INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE AND
PUBLICATION OF INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ross County Solar, LLC hereby certifies that, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-09(A)(1), on February 2, 2021, (i) the notice of its accepted, complete application attached hereto as Exhibit A was sent to the addresses listed in Exhibit B via first class mail, and (ii) the notice of its accepted, complete application attached hereto as Exhibit C was sent to the addresses listed in Exhibit D via first class mail. Ross County Solar, LLC hereby further certifies that, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(C), public notice of its accepted, complete application was published on January 29, 2021 in the Chillicothe Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in Ross County, Ohio, and in the Hillsboro Times Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in Highland County, Ohio, as shown by the affidavits of publication attached hereto as Exhibit E.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document on the parties referenced on the service list of the docket card who have electronically subscribed to the case. In addition, the undersigned certifies that a courtesy copy of the foregoing document is also being sent via electronic mail on February 16, 2021 to:

/s/ Mark A. Hylton
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EXHIBIT A

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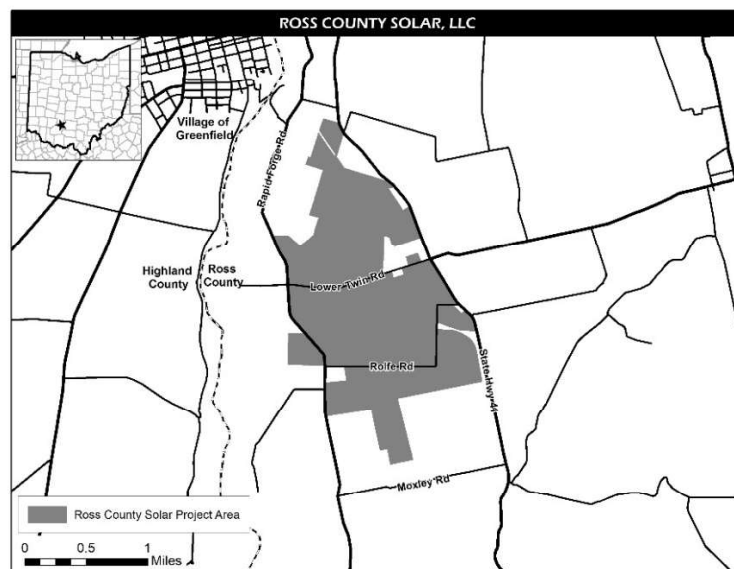
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Mr. Beatty	GEORGE H BEATTY	1113 MOON RD	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Mr. Erskine or Current Resident	TY ERSKINE OR CURRENT RESIDENT	11765 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Charles and Nancy Baldwin Trustee	CHARLES AND NANCY BALDWIN TRUSTEE	11904 ST RT 28 W	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Wendell G. Erskine Trustee	WENDELL G ERSKINE TRUSTEE	11904 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Mr. and Ms. Black or Current Resident	RICHARD B AND BRANDY L BLACK OR CURRENT RESIDENT	12237 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Mr. and Ms. Black	RICHARD B AND BRANDY L BLACK	12239 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Ms. Julie Hutchinson, et al.	JULIE HUTCHINSON ET AL	12334 COLLIER RD	GREENFIELD OH 45123-8377
Mr. and Ms. Menard	PIERRE A AND ELAINE B MENARD	1234 ROLFE RD	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Mr. and Ms. George	JEFFREY L AND BRENDA R GEORGE	12489 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Mr. Badgley	ROBERT BADGLEY	12517 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Mr. and Ms. Barnhart	BRUCE A AND CHRISTINA L BARNHART	12551 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Ms. Wilson	MARTINA D WILSON	12576 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Mr. Leighton and Ms. Taylor	OTIS LEIGHTON AND CAROLYN TAYLOR	12656 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
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Mr. and Ms. Elliot	CURTIS AND KAYLA ELLIOTT	12760 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Ms. Anderson	MARGARET ANDERSON	12788 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
Ms. and Mr. Rayburn	BONNIE F AND HARLEY F RAYBURN	12846 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
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Mr. Rolfe	STANLEY E ROLFE III	1383 ROLFE RD	GREENFIELD OH 45123
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Mr. Renner or Current Resident	WADE RENNER OR CURRENT RESIDENT	13840 ST RT 41	GREENFIELD OH 45123
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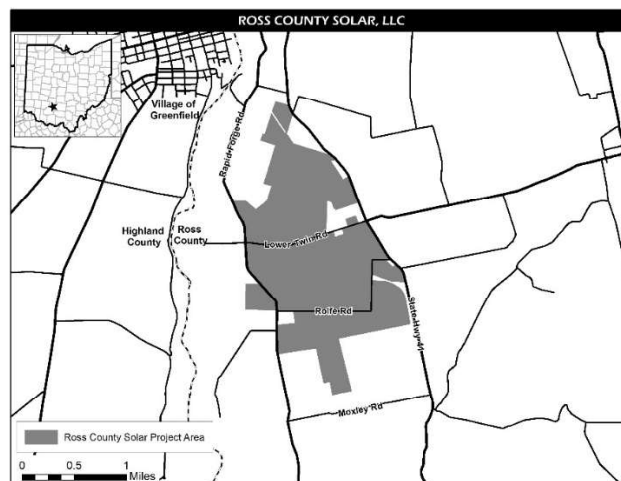
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EXHIBIT D

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Mr. Massie	Mark Massie	Buckskin Township Board of Trustees	8 Morton Road	South Salem, OH 45681
Mr. Meyers	Jacob Meyers	Paint Township Board of Trustees	69 Moxley Road	Bainbridge, OH 45612
Ms. Eallonardo	Tammy Eallonardo, Director	Greater Chillicothe & Ross County Development	45 East Main Street	Chillicothe, OH 45601
Mr. Benner	Kenneth Benner	Paint Township Board of Trustees	7346 State Route 41	Bainbridge, OH 45612
Mr. Olaker	Larry Olaker	Buckskin Township Board of Trustees	1326 Morton Road	South Salem, OH 45681
Mr. Scherer	Charlie Scherer, Chairman of Planning Commission	Ross County Planning and Building Department	15 N. Paint Street, Suite 200	Chillicothe, OH 45601
Mr. Neal	Bob Neal, Administrator	Ross County Soil and Water Conservation District	475 Western Avenue, Suite H	Chillicothe, OH 45601-2288
Mr. Iseman	Brian Iseman	Paint Township Board of Trustees	1417 Chambliss Road	Bainbridge, OH 45612
Commissioners Corcoran, Neal, and Garrett	Commissioners Doug Corcoran, Steve Neal, and Dwight Garrett	Ross County Commissioners	2 North Paint Street, Suite H	Chillicothe, OH 45601

EXHIBIT E



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**LEGAL NOTICE
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STATE OF WISCONSIN

RE: Order #: GC10580929

**Account #: L780387
Total Amount of Claim: \$1,249.50**

I, Joe Hylton, Sales Assistant

for the above mentioned newspaper, hereby certify that the attached
advertisement appeared in said newspaper on the following dates:

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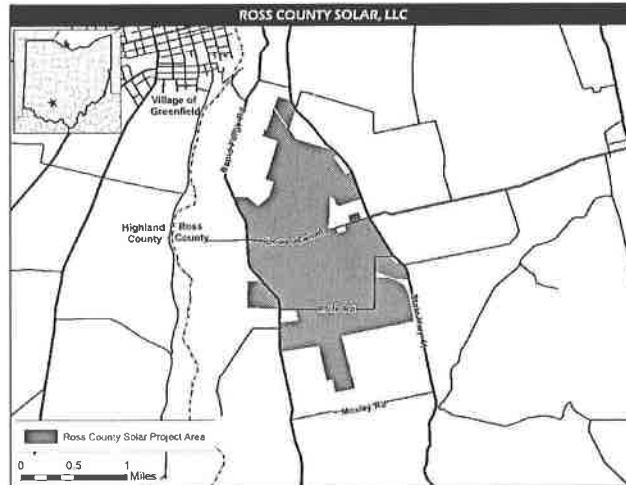
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Nancy Heyrman
NOTARY PUBLIC
5.15.23
Commission expires

NANCY HEYRMAN
Notary Public
State of Wisconsin

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Ross County Solar, LLC (Ross County Solar), a subsidiary of National Grid Renewables (formerly Geronimo Energy, LLC, a National Grid Company), proposes to develop, build, and operate the Ross County Solar Project (Project), an up to 120 megawatt solar-powered electric generation facility (Facility) to be located in Ross County, Ohio. The general purpose of the Project is to maximize energy production from solar resources in order to deliver clean, renewable electricity to the Ohio bulk transmission system to serve the needs of electric utilities and their customers. The Project will span approximately 1,400 acres. The Project is anticipated to positively impact both the local economy and environment by producing significant tax revenue and other economic benefits for the area, and offsetting carbon dioxide emissions by an estimated 162,500 metric tons each year – the equivalent of taking approximately 35,000 cars off the road. The Facility will consist generally of the fence line, photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays, electrical collection lines, inverters, access roads, a substation (which includes transformers), an operations and maintenance (O&M) building, weather stations, and laydown yards. The Facility will deliver power to a single point of interconnection at the existing Buckskin 69 kilovolt (kV) substation. The point of interconnection will consist of a short gen-tie line from the Facility substation to the Buckskin substation, where the line will connect to a new 69 kV breaker bay within the existing substation. A map showing the location and general layout of the Project is below.



Ross County Solar has filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct, operate, and maintain the Project in Case No. 20-1380-EL-BGN, which is now pending before the Board. Copies of the application were served upon the Ross County Board of Commissioners, Buckskin Township Board of Trustees, Paint Township Board of Trustees, Ross County Soil and Water Conservation District, Ross County Planning and Building Department, and Greater Chillicothe and Ross County Development. A copy of the application was also provided to and is available for public review at the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library (Main Library) in Chillicothe. The full case record can be found via the Board's website at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=20-1380&link=DL>. Alternatively, a link to the Board's website with the full case record, including PDFs of the application can be found via Ross County Solar's website at <https://nationalgridrenewables.com/ross-county/>. To obtain additional information about obtaining a hard copy of the application or to request help accessing electronic records, reach out to Ross County Solar directly at 937-519-2007. You can also reach out to the Board directly by calling 866-270-6772.

The Board utilizes the following criteria for reviewing 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 economy 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 section 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.
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.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed Project. The public hearing for this proceeding shall consist of two parts and will not be held in-person. Instead, due to the continued state of emergency, the local public and adjudicatory hearings will both be held using remote access technology that facilitates participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet. The two-part public hearing will be held as follows:

1. A local public hearing pursuant to R.C. 4906.07 and 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept testimony from any person on April 6, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the hearing will be held virtually via Webex. Any person who wishes to provide testimony about the Project or who plans to join the Webex event must pre-register with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) before 12:00 p.m. on April 5, 2021, at <https://opsc.ohio.gov/vps/portal/gov/opsc/events/ross-county-solar-public-hearing> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. The testimony to be provided will be limited to five minutes in duration. Any person who wishes to attend the public hearing and not offer testimony can do so by calling 1-408-418-9368 and entering access code 179 844 8456. The public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio. Additional information regarding the hearing is available on the Board's website at <https://opsc.ohio.gov/vps/portal/gov/opsc/cases/20-1380-el-bgn> or by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

2. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on April 27, 2021, beginning at 10 a.m. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the hearing will be held virtually via Webex. To participate in the adjudicatory hearing, intervention in the case is necessary.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and Ohio Adm. Code 4906-3-09, or March 8, 2021, 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, 160 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF HIGHLAND }

Sharon Hughes, being duly sworn, says:

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:

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

SIGNED:

Sharon Hughes

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 29th day of Jan 2021

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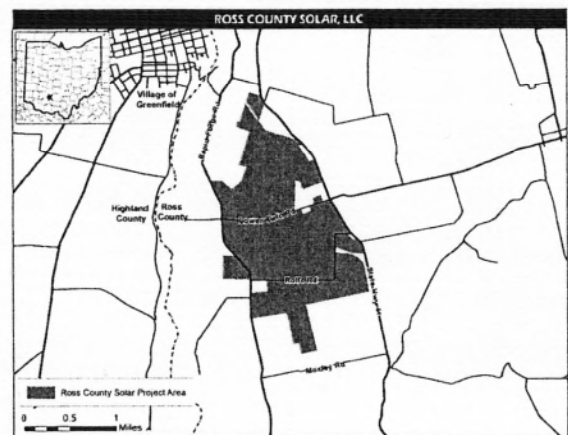
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