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Economic Impact and Land Use Analysis of Pleasant Prairie Solar Project

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I. Executive Summary



Invenergy is developing the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project in Franklin County, Ohio. The purpose of this report is to aid decision makers in evaluating the economic impact of this project on Franklin County and the State of Ohio. The basis of this analysis is to study the direct, indirect, and induced impacts on job creation, wages, and total economic output.

Pleasant Prairie Solar is a 250 MW solar project using single-axis tracking panels. The project represents an investment in excess of The total development is anticipated to result in the

following:

Economic Impact

Jobs - all jobs numbers are full-time equivalents

- 277 new local jobs during construction for Franklin County
- 1,067 new local jobs during construction for the State of Ohio
- Over 21.3 new local long-term jobs for Franklin County
- Over 30.7 new local long-term jobs for the State of Ohio

Earnings

- Over \$23.8 million in new local earnings during construction for Franklin County
- Over \$87.6 million in new local earnings during construction for the State of Ohio
- Over \$1.2 million in new local long-term earnings for Franklin County annually
- Over \$1.7 million in new local long-term earnings for the State of Ohio annually

<u>Output</u>

- Over \$37.4 million in new local output during construction for Franklin County
- Over \$140 million in new local output during construction for the State of Ohio
- Over \$3.8 million in new local long-term output for Franklin County annually
- Over \$5.3 million in new local long-term output for the State of Ohio annually

Property Taxes

- Over \$33.3 million in total school district revenue over the life of the Project
- Over \$703 thousand in total township property taxes over the life of the Project
- Over \$8.7 million in total county property taxes for Franklin County over the life of the Project
- Over \$52.5 million in property taxes in total for all taxing districts over the life of the Project





This report also performs an economic land use analysis regarding the leasing of agricultural land for the new solar farm. That analysis yields the following results:

Land Use
• Using a real-options analysis, the land use value of solar leasing far exceeds the value for agricultural use.
 Franklin County: The price of corn would need to rise to \$24.05 per bushel or yields for corn would need to rise to 370.9 bushels per acre by the year 2067 for corn farming to generate more income for the landowner and local community than the solar lease. Alternatively, the price of soybeans would need to rise to \$68.88 per bushel or yields for soybeans would need to rise to 146.3 bushels per acre by the year 2067 for soybean farming to generate more income for the landowner and local community than the solar lease. At the time of this report, corn and soybean prices are \$4.20 and \$9.04 per bushel respectively and yields are 154.8 and 45.9 bushels per acre respectively.

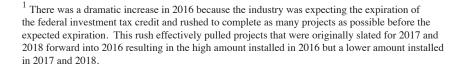


II. U.S. Solar PV Industry Growth and Economic Development

a. U.S. Solar PV Industry Growth

The U.S. solar industry is growing at a rapid but uneven pace, with systems installed for onsite use, including residential, commercial and industrial properties and with utility-scale facilities intended for wholesale distribution, such as Pleasant Prairie Solar. From 2013 to 2018, the amount of electricity generated from solar had more than quadrupled, increasing 444%. (EIA, 2020). The industry continued to add increasing numbers of PV systems to the grid. In 2019, the U.S. installed 13,300 MWdc of solar PV driven mostly by utility-scale PV, which is a 23% increase from 2018. The installations have stabilized after a record-setting year in 2016.1 As Figure 1 clearly shows, the capacity additions in 2017-2019 still outpaced any year before 2016. The primary driver of this overall sharp pace of growth is large price declines in solar equipment. Since 2000, the price of solar PV has declined from about \$10-\$12/watt in 2000 to \$2.4-\$3.7/watt in 2018 according to Figure 2. Solar PV also benefits from the Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) which provides a tax credit for residential and commercial facilities. Still, various federal tax reform measures and new tariffs on imported solar panels by the Trump Administration may lessen the price declines in 2020 and beyond.

Utility-scale PV leads the installation growth in the U.S. A total of 8,402 MWdc of utility PV projects were completed in 2019 and accounted for 63% of the total installed capacity in 2019. An additional 9,988 MWdc are under construction and are expected to come on-line in 2020. According to Figure 3, there are 340,954 MWdc of utility-scale PV solar operating in the U.S. and an additional 48,118 MWdc has been contracted as well as another 59,669 MWdc announced.





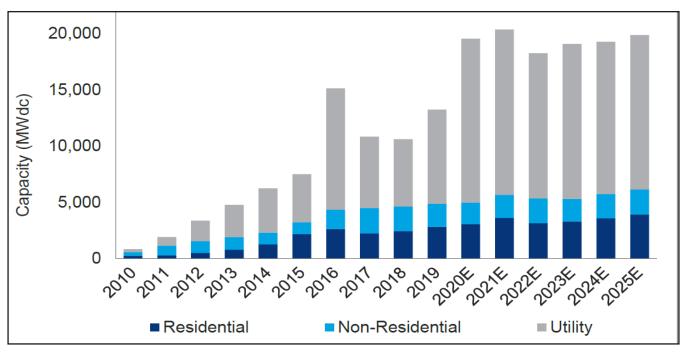
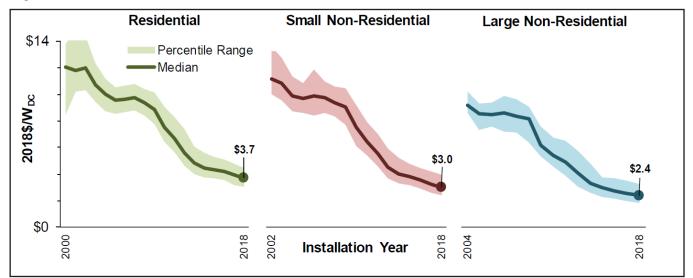


Figure 1. — Annual U.S. Solar PV Installations, 2010 - 2025

Solar Energy Industries Association, Solar Market Insight Report 2019 Year in review

Figure 2. — U.S. Annual Solar PV Installated Price Trends Over Time



Tracking the Sun: Pricing and Design Trends for Distributed Photovoltaic Systems in the United States, 2019 Edition



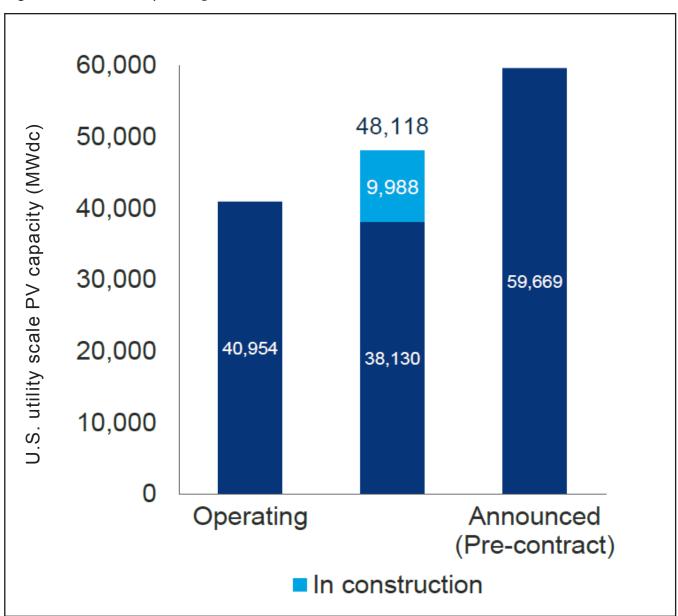
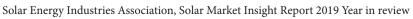


Figure 3. — U.S. Utility PV Pipeline





Until 2013, most utility-scale PV projects had been located in solar-rich California and the Southwest. (LBNL, 2019, 15). Since then, however, large-scale PV projects have been increasingly deployed in less-sunny areas as well, including Ohio. According to Table 1 with information from the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), 7 projects have been approved for construction totaling 1,100 MWs. Not all of these permitted projects will ultimately get built but there needs to be a variety of projects in order to assure that a sufficient number come online. Three of the approved projects - Invenergy's 150 MW Hardin Solar I Project, Hardin Solar Energy II, and Hillcrest Solar - are currently under construction and will be operational by the end of 2020.





Table 1. — List of Under Construction and Appro-	ved Ohio Utility-Scale Sol	ar Projects
Name	Status	MW

Name	Status	MW
Hardin Solar Energy II Facility	Under construction	170
Hillcrest	Under construction	125
Hardin	Under construction	150
Nestlewood	Approved	80
Highland	Approved	300
Willowbrook	Approved	150
Vinton	Approved	125
Total		1,100
Source: Ohio Power Siting Board		

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There are more than 238 solar companies in Ohio including 99 manufacturers, 69 installers/developers and 70 others. Figure 4 is a map showing the locations of solar companies in Ohio. According to SEIA, there are currently 7,282 solar jobs in the State of Ohio. (SEIA, 2020)

According to Figure 5, employment in the solar energy industry (8,710) trails behind coal generation (12,297) but is larger than natural gas generation (3,168) and nuclear generation (1,865).



² "Other" includes Sales and Distribution, Project Management, and Engineering.

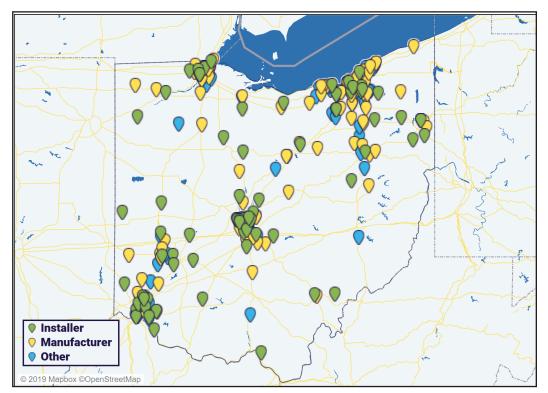


Figure 4. — Solar Company Locations in Ohio

Solar Energy Industries Association, Solar Spotlight: Ohio

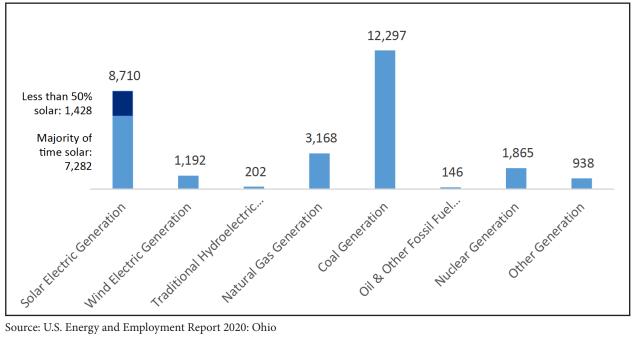


Figure 5. — Electric Generation Employment By Technology

Source: U.S. Energy and Employment Report 2020: Ohio



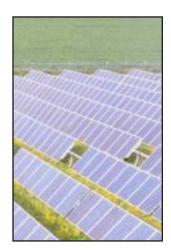
Utility-scale solar energy projects have numerous economic benefits. Solar installations create job opportunities in the local area during both the short-term construction phase and the long-term operational phase. In addition to the workers directly involved in the construction and maintenance of the solar energy project, numerous other jobs are supported through indirect supply chain purchases and the higher spending that is induced by these workers. Solar projects strengthen the local tax base and help improve county services, and local infrastructure, such as public roads.

Numerous studies have quantified the economic benefits of Solar PV projects across the United States and have been published in peer-reviewed academic journals using the same methodology as this report. Some of these studies examine smaller-scale solar systems, and some examine utility-scale solar energy. Croucher (2012) uses NREL's Jobs and Economic Development Impacts ("JEDI") modeling methodology to find which state will receive the greatest economic impact from installing one hundred 2.5 kW residential systems. He shows that Pennsylvania ranked first supporting 28.98 jobs during installation and 0.20 jobs during operations. Illinois ranked second supporting 27.65 jobs during construction and 0.18 jobs during operations.

Jo et. al. (2016) analyzes the financing options and economic impact of solar PV systems in Normal, IL and uses the JEDI model to determine the county and state economic impact. The study examines the effect of 100 residential retrofit fixed-mount crystalline-silicone systems having a nameplate capacity of 5kW. Eight JEDI models estimated the economic impacts using different input assumptions. They found that county employment impacts varied from 377 to 1,059 job-years during construction and 18.8 to 40.5 job-years during the operating years. Each job-year is a fulltime equivalent job of 2,080 hours for a year.

More recently, Michaud et. al (2020) performed an analysis of the economic impact of utility-scale solar energy projects in the State of Ohio. They detail three scenarios: low (2.5 GW), moderate (5 GW) and high (7.5 GW). Using the JEDI model, they find that between 18,039 and 54,113 jobs would be supported during construction and between 207 and 618 jobs would be supported annually during operations. In addition, between \$22.5 million and \$67.5 million annually in tax revenues would come from these projects.

c. Economic Benefits of Utility-Scale Solar PV Energy





Loomis et. al. (2016) estimates the economic impact for the State of Illinois if the state were to reach its maximum potential for solar PV. The study estimates the economic impact of three different scenarios for Illinois – building new solar installations of either 2,292 MW, 2,714 MW or 11,265 MW. The study assumes that 60% of the capacity is utility-scale solar, 30% of the capacity is commercial, and 10% of the capacity is residential. It was found that employment impacts vary from 26,753 to 131,779 job years during construction and from 1,223 to 6,010 job years during operating years.

Several other reports quantify the economic impact of solar energy. Bezdek (2006) estimates the economic impact for the State of Ohio, and finds the potential for PV market in Ohio to be \$25 million with 200 direct jobs and 460 total jobs. The Center for Competitive Florida (2009) estimates the impact if the state were to install 1,500 MW of solar and finds that 45,000 direct jobs and 50,000 indirect jobs could be created. The Solar Foundation (2013) uses the JEDI modeling methodology to show that Colorado's solar PV installation to date created 10,790 job-years. They also analyze what would happen if the state were to install 2,750 MW of solar PV from 2013 to 2030 and find that it would result in nearly 32,500 job years. Berkman et. al (2011) estimates the economic and fiscal impacts of the 550 MWAC Desert Sunlight Solar Farm. The project creates approximately 440 construction jobs over a 26-month period, \$15 million in new sales tax revenues, \$12 million in new property revenues for Riverside County, CA, and \$336 million in indirect benefits to local businesses in the county.



Invenergy is developing the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project in Franklin County, Ohio. Invenergy is North America's largest independent, privately held renewable energy provider. The Company develops, owns and operates large-scale renewable and other clean energy generation and storage facilities in North America, Latin America, Japan and Europe. Invenergy's expertise includes a complete range of fully integrated in-house capabilities, including: Project Development, Permitting, Transmission, Interconnection, Energy Marketing, Finance, Engineering, Project Construction, Operations and Maintenance. Invenergy is headquartered in Chicago with regional development offices in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Japan and Europe.

Sited in both Pleasant and Prairie Townships within Franklin County Ohio, the Pleasant Prairie Solar project is planned to be a 250MWac solar generation facility that will inject power into the local transmission grid owned by AEP Energy Partners. Through participation from approximately 15 landowners, the project size is approximately 2,200 acres within Franklin County- most of which was previously utilized as agricultural use. Nearby population hubs include Columbus Ohio.

After completion of construction, which is projected to be Q4 of 2023, the project will inject electricity into the existing 345kV AEP Substation. The project is within the PJM Independent System Operator territory that works to provide reliability and standardization across utility, generator, and transmission entities.

The Pleasant Prairie project will utilize over 700,000 bifacial panels with 120 degree solar tracking racking systems to optimize energy collection. Pleasant Prairie Solar is the next generation of single-axis tracking solar energy projects providing large-scale, low-cost energy in Ohio designed to fully capitalize on the federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC).

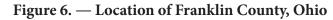
III. Pleasant Prairie Solar Project Description

a. Pleasant Prairie Solar Project Description



b. Franklin County, Ohio

Franklin County is located in the Central part of Ohio (see Figure 6). It has a total area of 544 square miles and the U.S. Census estimates that the 2010 population was 1,163,414 with 527,186 housing units. The county has a population density of 2,186 (persons per square mile) compared to 282 for the State of Ohio. Median household income in the county was \$49,087.





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places_listings_in_Franklin_County,_Ohio#/media/File:Map_of_Ohio_highlighting_Franklin_County.svg



As shown in Table 2, the largest industry is "Health Care" followed by "Administrative Government," "Professional Services" and "Accommodation." These data for Table 2 come from IMPLAN covering the year 2018 (the latest year available).

i. Economic and Demographic Statistics

Table 2. — Employment by Industry in Franklin County Industry

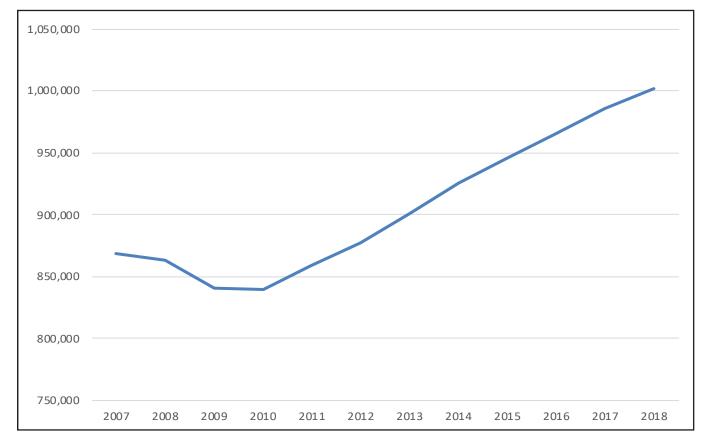
Industry	Number	Percent	
Health Care and Social Assistance	129,175	13.0%	
Administrative Government	124,159	12.5%	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	76,920	7.8%	
Accommodation and Food Services	75,900	7.7%	
Retail Trade	72,137	7.3%	
Finance and Insurance	69,838	7.1%	
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	69,566	7.0%	
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Other Services (except Public Administration)	57,989	5.9%	
Transportation and Warehousing	57,762	5.8%	
Construction	42,624	4.3%	
Manufacturing	42,341	4.3%	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	41,683	4.2%	
Wholesale Trade	34,285	3.5%	
Management of Companies and Enterprises	25,631	2.6%	
Educational Services	20,634	2.1%	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	18,344	1.9%	
Information	18,097	1.8%	
Government Enterprises	7,220	0.7%	
Utilities	3,984	0.4%	
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1,193	0.1%	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,003	0.1%	

Source: Impact Analysis for Planning (IMPLAN), County Employment by Industry



Table 2 provides the most recent snapshot of total employment but does not examine the historical trends within the county. Figure 7 shows employment from 2007 to 2018. Total employment in Franklin County was at its lowest at 839,842 in 2010 and its highest at 1,002,210 in 2018.

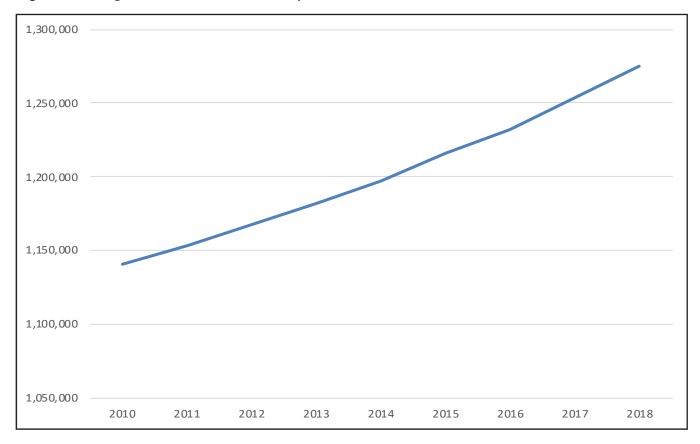
Figure 7. — Total Employment in Franklin County from 2007 to 2018



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Data, GDP and Personal Income



Similar to the upward trend of employment, the overall population in the county has been increasing steadily, as shown in Figure 8. Franklin County population was 1,141,117 in 2010 and 1,275,333 in 2018, a gain of 134,216. The average annual population increase over this time period was 16,777.



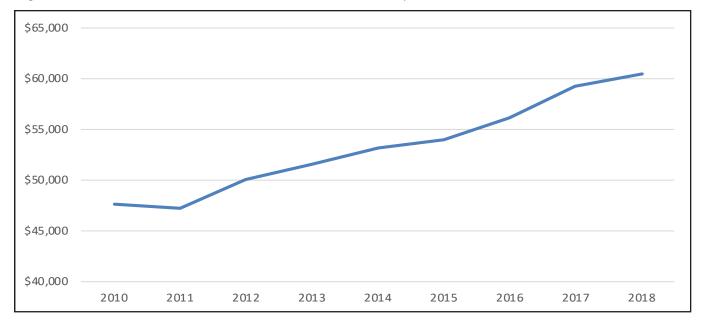


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Data, U.S. Census Bureau, Estimate of Population



Similar to the population trends, household income has been trending upward in Franklin County. Figure 9 shows the median household income in Franklin County from 2010 to 2018. Household income was at its lowest at \$47,174 in 2011 and its highest at \$60,383 in 2018.

Figure 9. — Median Household Income in Franklin County from 2010 to 2018



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Data, U.S. Census Bureau, Estimate of Median Household Income



Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is a measure of the value of goods and services produced in an area and adjusted for inflation over time. The Real GDP for Franklin County has been increasing since hitting a low in 2010, as shown in Figure 10.

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Figure 10. — Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Franklin County from 2010-2018

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Data, GDP and Personal Income



The farming industry has declined in Franklin County. As shown in Figure 11, the number of farms has decreased from 561 in 2002 to 408 in 2017. The amount of land in farms has decreased greatly. The county farmland hit a high of 97,020 acres in 1992, and then decreasing to 52,356 acres in 2017 according to Figure 12.

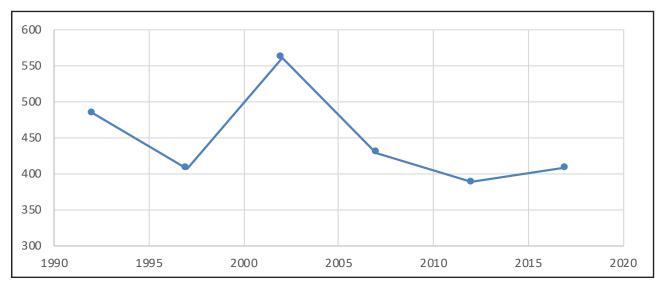


Figure 11. — Number of Farms in Franklin County from 1992 to 2017

Source: Census of Agriculture, 1992-2017



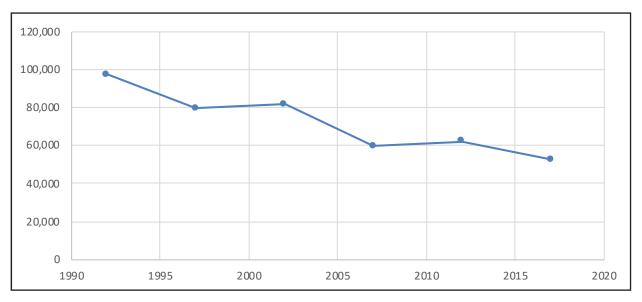


Figure 12. — Land in Farms in Franklin County from 1992 to 2017

Source: Census of Agriculture, 1992-2017



ii. Agricultural Statistics

Ohio is ranked sixteenth among U. S. states in total value of agricultural products sold (Census, 2017). It is ranked nineteenth in the value of livestock, and thirteenth in the value of crops (Census, 2017). In 2019, Ohio had 77,800 farms and 13.6 million acres in operation with the average farm being 175 acres (State Agricultural Overview, 2019). Ohio had 251 thousand cattle and produced 5.4 billion pounds of milk (State Agricultural Overview, 2019). In 2019, Ohio yields averaged 164 bushels per acre for grain corn with a total market value of \$1.7 billion (State Agricultural Overview, 2019). Soybean yields averaged 49 bushels per acre with a total market value of \$1.9 billion (State Agricultural Overview, 2019). The average net cash farm income per farm is \$29,674 (Census, 2017).

In 2017, Franklin County had 408 farms covering 52,356 acres for an average farm size of 128 acres (Census, 2017). The total market value of products sold was \$52 million, with 15 percent coming from livestock sales and 85 percent coming from crop sales (Census, 2017). The average net cash farm income of operations was \$25,909 (Census, 2017).

The 2,200 acres planned to be used by the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project represents just 4% of the acres used for farming in Franklin County. As we will show in the next section, solar farming is a better land use on a purely economic basis than livestock or crops for the particular land in this Project.



Many are concerned about the conversion of farmland to residential, commercial and industrial uses. In his article, "Is America Running out of Farmland?" Paul Gottlieb shows that in the Continental United States, prime farmland has declined 1.6% from 1982-2010. Conversion of farmland to other uses "has a number of direct and indirect consequences, including loss of food production, increases in the cost of inputs needed when lower quality land is used to replace higher quality land, greater transportation costs of products to more distant markets, and loss of ecosystem services. Reduced production must be replaced by increasing productivity on remaining land or by farming new lands." (Franscis et. al., 2012)

On the other side of the debate, Dwight Lee considers the reduction in farmland as good news. In his article, "Running Out of Agricultural Land," he writes, "farmland has been paved over for shopping centers and highways, converted into suburban housing tracts, covered with amusement parks, developed into golf courses, and otherwise converted because consumers have communicated through market prices that development is more valuable than the food that could have been grown on the land." (Lee, 2000)

Total U.S. cropland has remained steady over the past five years. In 2012, 257.4 million acres in the U.S. were cropland while in 2017, 249.8 million acres were cropland. In 2012, just over 40 percent of all U.S. land was farmland (Census of Agriculture, 2012). According to the World Bank, the percentage of agricultural land has increased worldwide from 36.0 in 1961 to 37.3 in 2015. The Arab World, Caribbean Small States, East Asia, South Asia and Sub-Sahara Africa have all experienced growth in the percentage of agricultural land. Thus, from a global perspective, it is simply not true that we are running out of farmland. Even in the U.S., large quantities of farmland are not disappearing.

IV. Land Use Methodology

a. Agricultural Land Use

NREL: National Renewable Energy Laboratory

JEDI: Jobs and Economic Development Impacts

IMPLAN: IMpact Analysis for PLANning



One valid criticism of the "market forces" arguments is that flow of land only goes from agricultural to non-agricultural uses. In theory, land should move in a costless way back and forth between urban and rural uses in response to new market information. Since agricultural land seldom goes back to agricultural use once it is converted, one needs to account for this in the analysis of farmland. The common assumption then is that urban development is irreversible and leads to an "option value" argument. (Gottlieb, 2015)

In finance, an option is a contract which gives the holder the right but not the obligation to buy or sell an underlying asset. A real option value is a choice made with business investment opportunities, referred to as "real" because it typically references a tangible asset instead of financial instrument. In the case of agricultural land, the owner retains the right to sell the land in future years if they don't sell in the current year. From a finance viewpoint, this "option" to sell in the future has value to the owner and since it is a tangible asset rather than a financial instrument, we call it a "real option."



However, the present case of leasing agricultural land for a solar energy generating facility rises above this debate in several important ways. First, the use of agricultural land for a solar energy center is only temporary, and certainly not irreversible. The term of the solar easements for this Project is twenty-five years with a possible extension of twenty-five years, then the easements would expire. At the end of the easement, the land will be restored to its original condition and will likely return to agricultural use. This restoration is ensured by easement terms and conditions as well as likely permit conditions. This is far different from residential or commercial development where the land is often owned in fee and there are no decommissioning requirements or surety. Second, the total amount of agricultural land being used for solar energy is miniscule compared to the conversion of agricultural land permanently to residential housing and commercial development. In fact, if all of the approved OPSB projects listed in Table 1 were built, they would cover 13,149 acres which is less than 1/10 of 1% of the land in farms in Ohio (Census of Agriculture, 2017). Third, the ongoing annual lease payments will continue to go to the landowner who will retain ownership of the land both during and after the lease. At the end of the lease and when the project is responsibly decommissioned, the landowner could resume farming the land. In other conversions, the land is sold by the farmer to another party – usually a housing developer or commercial real estate broker. In this case, the values and goals of the new landowner differ significantly from the original landowner. Fourth, the free market economic forces are working properly because solar farms present landowners with an opportunity for a higher value use on their land. This also allows the landowner to diversify their income away from agricultural products alone, better weather economic downturns, and keep the land in the family.

Farmland has gotten more productive over the years with better farming equipment and techniques resulting in higher yields on the same amount of land. Corn production has risen due to improvements in seed varieties, fertilizers, pesticides, machinery, reduced tillage, irrigation, crop rotations and pest management systems. Figure 13 shows the dramatic increase U.S. corn yields since 1926. Soybean yields have also increased though not as dramatically. Figure 14 displays the soybean yields in the U.S. since 1980.

b. Agricultural Land and Solar Farms



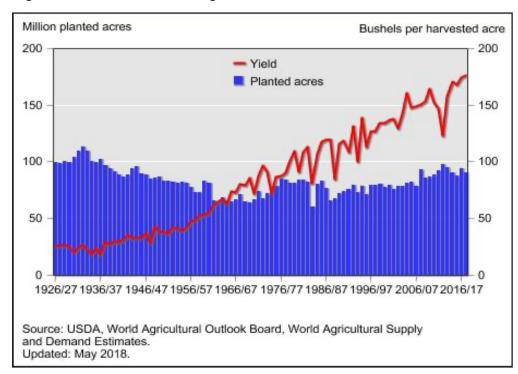


Figure 13. — U.S. Corn Acreage and Yield

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service,

https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/crops/corn-and-other-feedgrains/background/

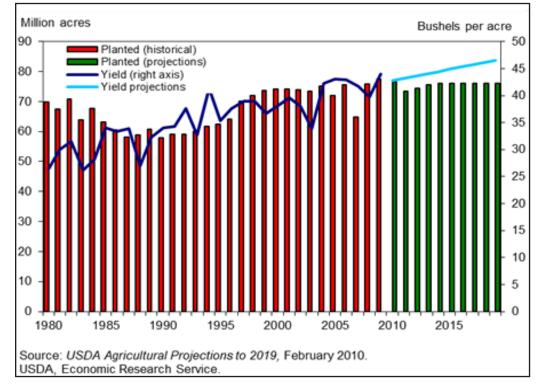


Figure 14. — U.S. Soybean Acreage and Yield



To analyze the specific economic land use decision for a solar energy center, this section uses a methodology first proposed by Gazheli and Di Corato (2013). A "real options" model is used to look at the critical factors affecting the decision to lease agricultural land to a company installing a solar energy generating facility. According to their model, the landowner will look at his expected returns from the land that include the following: the price that they can get for the crop (typically corn or soybeans); the average yields from the land that will depend on amount and timing of rainfall, temperature and farming practices; and the cost of inputs including seed, fuel, herbicide, pesticide and fertilizer. Not considered is the fact that the landowner faces annual uncertainty on all these items and must be compensated for the risk involved in each of these parameters changing in the future. In a competitive world with perfect information, the returns to the land for its productivity should relate to the cash rent for the land.

For the landowner, the key analysis will be comparing the net present value of the annual solar lease payments to expected profits from farming. The farmer will choose the solar farm lease if:

NPV (Solar Lease Payment,) > NPV (P_{t} * Yield, - Cost,)

Where NPV is the net present value; Solar Lease Payment, is the lease payment the owner receives in year t; P_t is the price that the farmer receives for the crop (corn or soybeans) in year t; Yield, is the yield based on the number of acres and historical average of county-specific productivity in year t; Cost, is the total cost of farming in year t and will include (the cost of seed, fertilizer, the opportunity cost of the farmer's time. Farming profit is the difference between revenue (price times yield) and cost. The model will use historical agricultural data from the county (or state when the county data is not available).

c. Methodology





The standard net present value calculation presented above, uses the expected value of many of the variables that are stochastic (have some randomness to them). The "real options" enhancement allows for the possibility that subsequent decisions could modify the farming NPV. This enhancement allows for a more dynamic modeling process than the static analysis implied by the standard NPV. By projecting historical trends and year-to-year variations of farming profits into the future, the real options model captures the new information about farming profitability that comes from crop prices, yields and cost in each future year.

In order to forecast returns from agriculture in future years, we use a linear regression using an intercept and time trend on historical data to predict future profits.

$$\pi_t = \propto +\beta * time$$

Where π_t is the farming profit in year t; α is intercept; β is the trend and time is a simple time trend starting at 1 and increasing by 1 each time period.



In order to analyze future returns from farming the land, we will use historical data from Franklin County to examine the local context for this analysis. The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes county-level statistics every five years. Table 3 shows the historical data from 1992 to 2017 for total farm income, production expenses, average farm size, net cash income, and average market value of machinery per farm.

V. Land Use Results

Table 3. — Agricultural Statistics for Franklin County, Ohio

	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017
Total Farm Income Per Farm	NA	NA	\$15,305	\$18,867	\$19,221	\$24,564
Total Farm Production Expenses (average/farm)	\$65,858	\$65,589	\$51,844	\$76,568	\$99,447	\$113,055
Average Farm Size (acres)	200	196	145	139	160	128
Net Cash Income per Farm ³	\$15,156	\$31,953	\$8,586	\$32,556	\$35,126	\$25,909
Average Market Value of Machinery Per Farm	\$52,508	\$64,267	\$57,608	\$94,235	\$118,100	\$106,842

Source: United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Census of Agriculture

The production expenses listed in Table 3 include all direct expenses like seed, fertilizer, fuel, etc. but do not include the depreciation of equipment and the opportunity cost of the farmer's own time in farming. To estimate these last two items, we can use the average market value of machinery per farm and use straight-line depreciation for 20 years with no salvage value. This is a very conservative estimate of the depreciation since the machinery will likely qualify for a shorter life and accelerated or bonus depreciation. To calculate the opportunity cost of the farmers time, we obtained the mean hourly wage for farming in each of these years from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Again, to be conservative, we estimate that the farmer spends a total of 8 weeks @ 40 hours/week farming in a year. It seems quite likely that a farmer spends many more hours than this including direct and administrative time on the farm. These statistics and calculations are shown in Table 4.

³ Net Cash Income per farm is reported by the NASS and does not exactly equal income minus expenses. NASS definition for this item is, "Net cash farm income of the operators. This value is the operators' total revenue (fees for producing under a production contract, total sales not under a production contract, government payments, and farm-related income) minus total expenses paid by the operators. Net cash farm income of the operator includes the payments received for producing under a production contract and does not include value of commodities produced under production contract by the contract growers. Depreciation is not used in the calculation of net cash farm income."



	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017
Average Market Value Machinery Per Farm	\$52,508	\$64,267	\$57,608	\$94,235	\$118,100	\$106,842
Annual Machinery Depreciation over 30 years - Straight Line (Market Value divided by 30)	\$1,750	\$2,142	\$1,920	\$3,141	\$3,937	\$3,561
Mean Hourly Wage in OH for Farming (Bureau of Labor Statistics)	\$5.87	\$6.67	\$9.36	\$10.43	\$11.50	\$12.95
Annual Opportunity Cost of Farmer's Time (Wage times 8 weeks times 40 Hours/Week)	\$1,878	\$2,134	\$2,995	\$3,338	\$3,680	\$4,144

Table 4. - Machinery Depreciation and Opportunity Cost of Farmer's Time for Franklin County, Ohio

Source: United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Census of Agriculture

To get the total profitability of the land, we take the net cash income per farm and subtract depreciation expenses and the opportunity cost of the farmer's time. To get the profit per acre, we divide by the average farm size. Finally, to account for inflation, we use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to convert all profit into 2017 dollars (i.e. current dollars).⁴ These calculations and results are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. — Profit Per Farm Calculations for Franklin County, Ohio

	1992	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017
Net Cash Income per Farm	\$15,156	\$31,953	\$8,586	\$32,556	\$35,126	\$25,909
Machinery Depreciation	(\$1,750)	(\$2,142)	(\$1,920)	(\$3,141)	(\$3,937)	(\$3,561)
Opportunity Cost of Farmer's Time	(\$1,878)	(\$2,134)	(\$2,995)	(\$3,338)	(\$3,680)	(\$4,144)
Profit	\$11,528	\$27,676	\$3,671	\$26,077	\$27,509	\$18,204
Average Farm Size (Acres)	200	196	145	139	160	128
Profit for Acre	\$57.64	\$141.21	\$25.31	\$187.61	\$171.93	\$142.22
CPI	141.9	161.3	180.9	210.036	229.601	246.524
Profit Per Acre in 2017 Dollars	\$100.14	\$215.81	\$34.50	\$220.20	\$184.61	\$142.22



⁴ We will use the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which is the most common CPI used in calculations. For simplicity, we will just use the CPI abbreviation.

Using an unsophisticated static analysis, the farmer would be better off using his land for solar if the solar lease rental per acre exceeds the 2017 profit per acre of \$142.22 which adjusts to \$150.42 after counting for inflation in Franklin County. Yet this static analysis fails to capture the dynamics of the agricultural market and the farmer's hope for future prices and crop yields to exceed the current level. To account for this dynamic, we use the real options model discussed in the previous section. Recall that the net returns from agriculture fluctuates according to the following equation:

 $\pi_t = \propto +\beta * time$

Where π_t is the farming profit in year t; α is intercept; β is the trend and time is a simple time trend starting at 1 and increasing by 1 each time period.

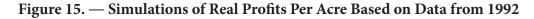
Using the Census of Agriculture data from 1992 to the present, the intercept is \$126.25 with a standard error of \$60.42. The time trend is \$1.73 with a standard error of 3.78. This means that agriculture profits are expected to rise by \$1.73. Both the intercept and the coefficient on the time trend have a wide variation as measured by the standard error. The wide variation means that there will be a lot of variability in agricultural profits from year to year.

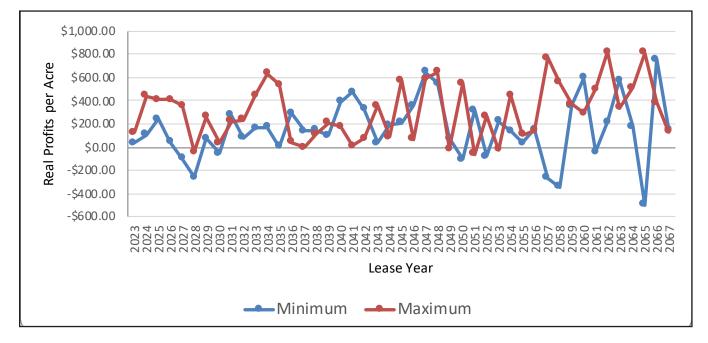






Over the period from 2017 to 2067, we assume that the profit per acre follows the equation above but allows for the random fluctuations. Because of this randomness, we can simulate multiple futures using Monte Carlo simulation. We assume that the solar farm will begin operation in 2023 and operate through 2067. Using 500 different simulations, the real profit per acre never exceeds \$1,252 in any single year. Overall, the maximum average annual profit over the 45 years is \$310 and the minimum average annual profit is \$172. Figure 15 is a graph of the highest and lowest real profit per acre simulations. When comparing the average annual payment projected in the maximum simulation by 2067 to the solar lease per acre payment, the solar lease provides higher returns than farming in all of the 500 simulations. This means the farmer is financially better off under the solar lease in 100% of the 500 scenarios analyzed.



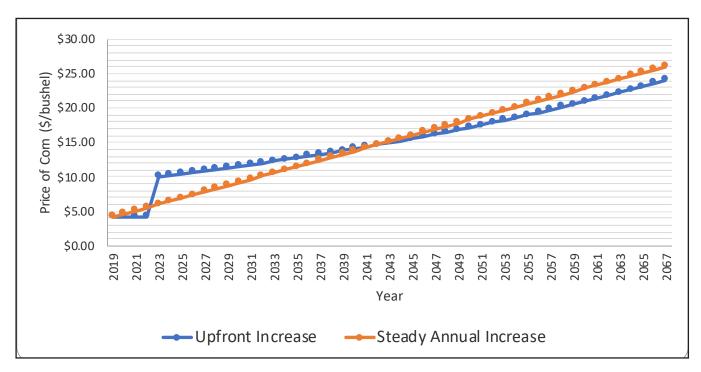




Another way to look at this problem would be to ask: How high would the price of corn have to rise to make farming more profitable than the solar lease? Below we assume that the yields on the land and all other input costs stay the same. In this case, the price of corn would have to rise from \$4.20 per bushel in 2019 to \$10.06 in 2023 and rise to \$24.05 per bushel by 2067 as shown in Figure 16. Alternatively, the price of corn would need to rise by \$0.45 per bushel each year from 2019 to 2067 when it would reach \$26.02 per bushel.



Figure 16. — Simulated Price of Corn Per Bushel to Match the Solar Lease

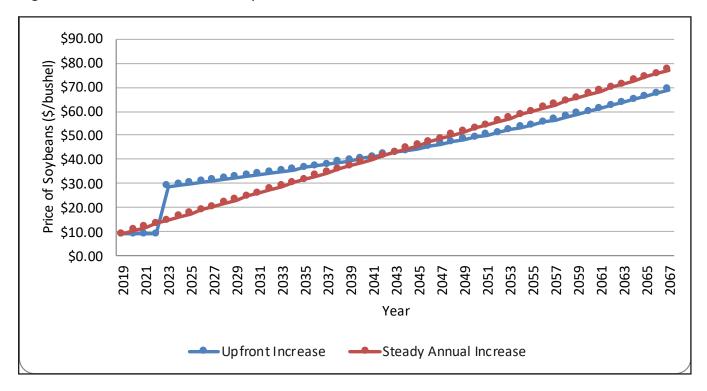






Now let's turn our attention to soybeans. If we assume the yields and input costs stay the same, the price of soybeans would have to rise from \$9.04 per bushel in 2019 to \$28.82 per bushel in 2023 and rise to \$68.88 by 2067 as shown in Figure 17. For a linear increase, the price of soybeans would need to rise by \$1.42 per bushel each year from 2019 to 2067 when it would reach \$77 per bushel.

Figure 17. — Simulated Price of Soybeans Per Bushel to Match the Solar Lease



If we assume that the price of corn stays the same, the yields for corn would need to increase from 154.8 bushels per acre in 2019 to 370.9 bushels per acre in 2023 and stay at that level until 2067. The yields for soybeans would need to rise from 45.9 bushels per acre in 2019 to 146.3 bushels per acre in 2023 and stay there until 2067.



The economic analysis of solar PV project presented uses NREL's latest Jobs and Economic Development Impacts (JEDI) PV Model (PV12.23.16). The JEDI PV Model is an input-output model that measures the spending patterns and location-specific economic structures that reflect expenditures supporting varying levels of employment, income, and output. That is, the JEDI Model takes into account that the output of one industry can be used as an input for another. For example, when a PV system is installed, there are both soft costs consisting of permitting, installation and customer acquisition costs, and hardware costs, of which the PV module is the largest component. The purchase of a module not only increases demand for manufactured components and raw materials, but also supports labor to build and install a module. When a module is purchased from a manufacturing facility, the manufacturer uses some of that money to pay employees. The employees use a portion of their compensation to purchase goods and services within their community. Likewise, when a developer pays workers to install the systems, those workers spend money in the local economy that boosts economic activity and employment in other sectors. The goal of economic impact analysis is to quantify all of those reverberations throughout the local and state economy.

VI. Economic Impact Methodology



The first JEDI Model was developed in 2002 to demonstrate the economic benefits associated with developing wind farms in the United States. Since then, JEDI models have been developed for biofuels, natural gas, coal, transmission lines and many other forms of energy. These models were created by Marshall Goldberg of MRG & Associates, under contract with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. The JEDI model utilizes state-specific industry multipliers obtained from IMPLAN (IMpact analysis for PLANning). IMPLAN software and data are managed and updated by the Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc., using data collected at federal, state, and local levels. This study analyzes the gross jobs that the new solar energy project development supports and does not analyze any loss of jobs.

The total economic impact can be broken down into three distinct types: direct impacts, indirect impacts, and induced impacts. **Direct impacts** during the construction period refer to the changes that occur in the onsite construction industries in which the direct final demand (i.e., spending on construction labor and services) change is made. Onsite construction-related services include installation labor, engineering, design, and other professional services. Direct impacts during operating years refer to the final demand changes that occur in the onsite spending for the solar operations and maintenance workers.



The initial spending on the construction and operation of the PV installation will create a second layer of impacts, referred to as "supply chain impacts" or "indirect impacts." **Indirect impacts** during the construction period consist of changes in inter-industry purchases resulting from the direct final demand changes and include construction spending on materials and PV equipment, as well as other purchases of goods and offsite services. Utility-scale solar PV indirect impacts include PV modules, invertors, tracking systems, cabling, and foundations.

Induced impacts during construction refer to the changes that occur in household spending as household income increases or decreases as a result of the direct and indirect effects of final demand changes. Local spending by employees working directly or indirectly on the Project that receive their paychecks and then spend money in the community is included. The model includes additional local jobs and economic activity that are supported by the purchases of these goods and services.



VII. Economic Impact Results

The economic impact results were derived from detailed project cost estimates supplied by Invenergy. In addition, Invenergy also estimated the percentages of project materials and labor that will be coming from within Franklin County and the State of Ohio.

Two separate JEDI models were produced to show the economic impact of the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project. The first JEDI model used the 2018 Franklin County multipliers from IMPLAN. The second JEDI model used the 2018 IMPLAN multipliers for the State of Ohio and the same project costs.

Tables 6-8 show the output from these models. Table 6 lists the total employment impact from the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project for Franklin County and the State of Ohio. Table 7 shows the impact on total earnings and Table 8 contains the impact on total output.

Table 6. — Total Employment Impact from the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project

	Franklin County Jobs	State of Ohio Jobs
Construction		
Project Development and Onsite Labor Impacts (direct)	165	619
Module and Supply Chain Impacts (indirect)	68	235
Induced Impacts	44	213
New Local Jobs during Construction	277	1,067
Operations (Annual)		
Onsite Labor Impacts (direct)	1.8	3.6
Local Revenue and Supply Chain Impacts (indirect)	10.4	12.7
Induced Impacts	9.1	14.4
New Local Long-Term Jobs	21.3	30.7



The results from the JEDI model show significant employment impacts from the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project. Employment impacts can be broken down into several different components. Direct jobs created during the construction phase typically last anywhere from 12 to 18 months depending on the size of the project; however, the direct job numbers present in Table 6 from the JEDI model are based on a full time equivalent (FTE) basis for a year. In other words, 1 job = 1 FTE = 2,080 hours worked in a year. A part time or temporary job would constitute only a fraction of a job according to the JEDI model. For example, the JEDI model results show 165 new direct jobs during construction in Franklin County, though the construction of the solar center could involve closer to 330 workers working half-time for a year. Thus, due to the short-term nature of construction projects, the JEDI model often significantly understates the number of people actually hired to work on the project. It is important to keep this fact in mind when looking at the numbers or when reporting the numbers.

As shown in Table 6, new local jobs created or retained during construction total 277 for Franklin County, and 1,067 for the State of Ohio. New local long-term jobs created from the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project total 21.3 for Franklin County and 30.7 for the State of Ohio.

Direct jobs created during the operational phase last the life of the solar energy project, typically 20-30 years. Direct construction jobs and operations and maintenance jobs both require highly-skilled workers in the fields of construction, management, and engineering. These well-paid professionals boost economic development in rural communities where new employment opportunities are often welcome due to economic downturns. Accordingly, it is important to not just look at the number of jobs but also the earnings that they produce. Table 7 shows the earnings impacts from the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project, which are categorized by construction impacts and operations impacts. The new local earnings during construction total over \$23.8 million for Franklin County and over \$87.6 million for the State of Ohio. The new local long-term earnings total over \$1.2 million for Franklin County and over \$1.7 million for the State of Ohio.



	Franklin County	State of Ohio
Construction		
Project Development and Onsite Earnings Impacts	\$17,211,773	\$64,052,172
Module and Supply Chain Impacts	\$4,067,070	\$12,743,380
Induced Impacts	\$2,521,162	\$10,843,930
New Local Earnings during Construction	\$23,800,004	\$87,639,481
Operations (Annual)		
Onsite Labor Impacts	\$88,451	\$345,895
Local Revenue and Supply Chain Impacts	\$621,302	\$687,752
Induced Impacts	\$515,307	\$734,269
New Local Long-Term Earnings	\$1,225,061	\$1,767,915

Table 7. — Total Earnings Impact from Pleasant Prairie Solar Project

Output refers to economic activity or the value of production in the state or local economy. It is an equivalent measure to the Gross Domestic Product, which measures output on a national basis. According to Table 8, the new local output during construction totals over \$37.4 million for Franklin County and over \$140 million for the State of Ohio. The new local long-term output totals over \$3.8 million for Franklin County and over \$5.3 million for the State of Ohio.

Table 8. — Total Output Impact from Pleasant Prairie Solar Project

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	Franklin County	State of Ohio
Construction		
Project Development and Onsite Jobs Impacts on Output	\$18,879,132	\$67,388,991
Module and Supply Chain Impacts	\$11,076,136	\$38,862,252
Induced Impacts	\$7,524,996	\$33,771,438
New Local Output during Construction	\$37,480,264	\$140,022,681
Operations (Annual)		
Onsite Labor Impacts	\$88,451	\$345,895
Local Revenue and Supply Chain Impacts	\$2,233,872	\$2,685,451
Induced Impacts	\$1,535,791	\$2,280,727
New Local Long-Term Output	\$3,858,115	\$5,312,072



Solar PV projects increase the property tax base of a county, creating a new revenue source for education and other local government services. Although it is difficult to calculate the precise assessed value and taxes of the project until construction is completed, we can calculate the taxes on an illustrative example to get an idea of the size of the contributions that a project of this magnitude will have on the local tax base.

Table 9 details the government revenue implications of the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project. There are several important assumptions built into the analysis in this table. First, the analysis assumes that Invenergy, LLC enters into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement.⁵ The PILOT agreement will abate real property and tangible personal property taxes and replace them with a fixed payment per MW of capacity. The PILOT agreement also requires that the company source 80% of its labor from within the State of Ohio. For purposes of this report, we have assumed the installed capacity of the project to be 250 MWac and the payment amount to be \$7,000 per MWac. Second, the table assumes that the county apportions the tax revenue from the PILOT according to their relative tax rates. Third, the table assumes the Tax Year 2019 tax rates posted on the Ohio Department of Revenue website for each taxing body. Fourth, the projections assume that the tax rate and the cost do not change through the end of the project. Fifth, the township and fire district revenue assumes that 85% of the assessed value will be in Prairie Township and 15% will be in Pleasant Township. This split of revenue is based on a preliminary estimate and the revenue could change if the split changes in the final project layout.

VIII. Tax Revenue



According to Table 9, Southwestern City School District will receive over \$1.1 million annually from the Project and over \$33.3 million over the 30-year life of the Project. Franklin County will receive over \$290 thousand annually from the Project and over \$8.7 million over the 30-year life of the Project. Prairie Township Fire District will receive over \$7.8 million over the life of the Project from the PILOT. The total taxes paid will be \$1.75 million annually from the PILOT. Other taxing districts will receive between \$2,739 and \$45,657 annually as detailed in Table 9.



Estimated Annual Government		30-year Total
Taxing DistrictR	evenue from PILOT	from PILOT
Franklin County	\$290,986	\$8,729,569
Southwestern City School District	\$1,113,264	\$33,397,905
Pleasant Township Fire District	\$45,657	\$1,369,702
Prairie Township Fire District	\$261,438	\$7,843,143
Pleasant Township	\$2,739	\$82,182
Prairie Township	\$20,698	\$620,932
Southwest Public Libraries	\$15,219	\$456,567
TOTAL	\$1,750,000	\$52,500,000
Annual Average		\$1,750,000

Table 9. — Illustration of Government Revenue Paid by the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project



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- Taught Regulatory Economics, Telecommunications Economics and Public Policy, Industrial Organization and Pricing, Individual and Social Choice, Economics of Energy and Public Policy and a Graduate Seminar Course in Electricity, Natural Gas and Telecommunications Issues.
- Supervised as many as 5 graduate students in research projects each semester.
- Served on numerous departmental committees.

1997-present Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Normal, IL Executive Director (2005-present) Co-Director (1997-2005)

- Grew contributing membership from 5 companies to 16 organizations.
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2006-2018 Illinois Wind Working Group, Normal, IL Director

- Founded the organization and grew the organizing committee to over 200 key wind stakeholders
- Organized annual wind energy conference with over 400 attendees
- Organized strategic conferences to address critical wind energy issues
- Initiated monthly conference calls to stakeholders
- Devised organizational structure and bylaws

2007-2018 Center for Renewable Energy, Normal, IL Director

- Created founding document approved by the Illinois State University Board of Trustees and Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- Secured over \$150,000 in funding from private companies.
- Hired and supervised 4 professional staff members and supervised 3 faculty members as Associate Directors.
- Reviewed renewable energy manufacturing grant applications for Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a \$30 million program.
- Created technical "Due Diligence" documents for the Illinois Finance Authority loan program for wind farm projects in Illinois.

2011-present Strategic Economic Research, LLC President

- Performed economic impact analyses on policy initiatives and energy projects such as wind energy, solar energy, natural gas plants and transmission lines at the county and state level.
- Provided expert testimony before state legislative bodies, state public utility commissions, and county boards.
- Wrote telecommunications policy impact report comparing Illinois to other Midwestern states.

1997-2002 International Communications Forecasting Conference Chair

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1985-1996 Bell Atlantic, Philadelphia, Pa. Economist - Business Research

- Wrote and taught Applied Business Forecasting multimedia course.
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2016 Outstanding Cross-Disciplinary Team Research Award with Jin Jo and Matt Aldeman – recognizes exemplary collaborative research conducted by multiple investigators from different disciplines.

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2009 Economics Department Scott M. Elliott Faculty Excellence Award – awarded to faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching, research and service.

2009 Illinois State University Million Dollar Club – awarded to faculty who have over \$1 million in grants through the university.

2008 Outstanding State Wind Working Group Award from the U. S. Department of Energy's Wind Power America presented at WindPower 2008.

1999 Illinois State University Teaching Initiative Award

Member of the American Economic Association, National Association of Business Economists, International Association for Energy Economics, Institute for Business Forecasters; Institute for International Forecasters, International Telecommunications Society.

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Expert Testimony

23. McLean County (Illinois) Zoning Board of Appeals, Application for Special Use Permit for a Wind Energy Conversion System, on behalf of Invenergy, LLC, Direct Oral Testimony, January 4, 2018.

22. New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Case No. 17-00275-UT, Application of Sagamore Wind Energy LLC, on behalf of Invenergy, LLC, Direct Written Testimony filed November 6, 2017.



Expert Testimony (cont'd)

21. Ohio Power Siting Board, Case No. 17-773-EL-BGN, In the Matter of Hardin Solar Energy LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Hardin County, Ohio, on behalf of Invenergy, LLC, Exhibit with Report filed July 5, 2017.

20. Macon County (Illinois) Environmental, Education, Health and Welfare Committee, Application for Special Use Permit for a Wind Energy Conversion System, on behalf of E.ON Energy, Direct Oral Testimony, August 20, 2015.

19. Illinois Commerce Commission, Case No. 15-0277, Oral Cross-examination Testimony on behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC appeared before the Commission on August 19, 2015.

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Expert Testimony (cont'd)

11. Missouri Public Service Commission, Case No. EA-2014-0207, Oral Cross-examination Testimony on behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC appeared before the Commission on November 21, 2014.

10. Livingston County (Illinois) Zoning Board of Appeals, Application for Special Use Permit for a Wind Energy Conversion System, on behalf of Invenergy, Direct Oral Testimony, November 17-19, 2014.

9. Missouri Public Service Commission, Case No. EA-2014-0207, Written Surrebuttal Testimony on behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC, filed October 14, 2014.

8. Missouri Public Service Commission, Case No. EA-2014-0207, Written Direct Testimony on behalf of Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC, filed March 26, 2014.

7. Illinois Commerce Commission, Case No. 12-0560, Oral Cross-examination Testimony on behalf of Rock Island Clean Line LLC appeared before the Commission on December 11, 2013.

6. Illinois Commerce Commission, Case No. 12-0560, Written Rebuttal Testimony on behalf of Rock Island Clean Line LLC filed August 20, 2013.

5. Boone County (Illinois) Board, Examination of Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance, Direct Testimony and Cross-Examination, April 23, 2013.

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3. Whiteside County (Illinois) Board and Whiteside County Planning and Zoning Committee, Examination of Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance, Direct Testimony and Cross-Examination, on behalf of the Center for Renewable Energy, April 12, 2012.

2. State of Illinois Senate Energy and Environment Committee, Direct Testimony and Cross-Examination, on behalf of the Center for Renewable Energy, October 28, 2010.

1. Livingston County (Illinois) Zoning Board of Appeals, Application for Special Use Permit for a Wind Energy Conversion System, on behalf of the Center for Renewable Energy, Direct Testimony and Cross-Examination, July 28, 2010.



Selected Presentations

"Smart Cities and Micro Grids: Cost Recovery Issues," presented September 12,2017 at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance Meeting, Springfield, IL.

"Cloud Computing: Regulatory Principles and ICC NOI," presented September 11,2017 at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance Meeting, Springfield, IL.

"Illinois Wind, Illinois Solar and the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act," presented July 25, 2017 at the Illinois County Assessors Meeting, Normal, IL.

"Illinois Wind, Illinois Solar and the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act," presented April 21, 2017 at the Illinois Association of County Zoning Officers Meeting, Bloomington, IL.

"Energy Storage Economics and RTOs," presented October 30, 2016 at the Energy Storage Conference at Argonne National Laboratory.

"Wind Energy in Illinois," on October 6, 2016 at the B/N Daybreak Rotary Club, Bloomington, IL.

"Smart Grid for Schools," presented August 17, 2016 to the Ameren External Affairs Meeting, Decatur, IL.

"Solar Energy in Illinois," presented July 28, 2016 at the 3rd Annual K-12 Teachers Clean Energy Workshop, Richland Community College, Decatur, IL

"Wind Energy in Illinois," presented July 28, 2016 at the 3rd Annual K-12 Teachers Clean Energy Workshop, Richland Community College, Decatur, IL

"Smart Grid for Schools," presented June 21, 2016 at the ISEIF Grantee and Ameren Meeting, Decatur, IL.

"Costs and Benefits of Renewable Energy," presented November 4, 2015 at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley, University, Peoria, IL.

"Energy Sector Workforce Issues," presented September 17, 2015 at the Illinois Workforce Investment Board, Springfield, IL.

"The Past, Present and Future of Wind Energy in Illinois," presented March 13, 2015 at the Peoria Rotary Club, Peoria, IL.

"Where Are All the Green Jobs?" presented January 28, 2015 at the 2015 Illinois Green Economy Network Sustainability Conference, Normal, IL.



"Teaching Next Generation Energy Concepts with Next Generation Science Standards: Addressing the Critical Need for a More Energy-Literate Workforce," presented September 30, 2014 at the Mathematics and Science Partnerships Program 2014 Conference in Washington, DC.

"National Utility Rate Database," presented October 23, 2013 at Solar Power International, Chicago, IL.

"Potential Economic Impact of Offshore Wind Energy in the Great Lakes," presented May 6, 2013 at WindPower 2013, Chicago, IL.

"Why Illinois? Windy City, Prairie Power," presented May 5, 2013 at WindPower 2013, Chicago, IL.

"National Utility Rate Database," presented January 29, 2013 at the EUEC Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

"Energy Learning Exchange and Green Jobs," presented December 13, 2012 at the TRICON Meeting of Peoria and Tazewell County Counselors, Peoria, IL.

"Potential Economic Impact of Offshore Wind Energy in the Great Lakes," presented November 12, 2012 at the Offshore Wind Jobs and Economic Development Impacts Webinar.

"Energy Learning Exchange," presented October 31, 2012 at the Utility Workforce Development Meeting, Chicago, IL.

"Wind Energy in McLean County," presented June 26, 2012 at BN By the Numbers, Normal, IL.

"Wind Energy," presented June 14, 2012 at the Wind for Schools Statewide Teacher Workshop, Normal, IL.

"Economic Impact of Wind Energy in Illinois," presented June 6, 2012 at AWEA's WINDPOWER 2012, Atlanta, GA.

"Trends in Illinois Wind Energy," presented March 6, 2012 at the AWEA Regional Wind Energy Summit – Midwest in Chicago, IL.

"Challenges and New Growth Strategies in the Wind Energy Business," invited plenary session speaker at the Green Revolution Leaders Forum, November 18, 2011 in Seoul, South Korea.

"Overview of the Center for Renewable Energy," presented July 20, 2011 at the University-Industry Consortium Meeting at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL.



"Building the Wind Turbine Supply Chain," presented May 11, 2011 at the Supply Chain Growth Conference, Chicago, IL

"Building a Regional Energy Policy for Economic Development," presented April 4, 2011 at the Midwestern Legislative Conference's Economic Development Committee Webinar.

"Wind Energy 101," presented February 7, 2011 at the Wind Power in Central Illinois - A Public Forum, CCNET Renewable Energy Group, Champaign, IL.

"Alternative Energy Strategies," presented with Matt Aldeman November 19, 2010 at the Innovation Talent STEM Education Forum, Chicago, IL.

"Siting and Zoning in Illinois," presented November 17, 2010 at the Wind Powering America Webinar.

"What Governor Quinn Should Do about Energy?" presented November 15, 2010 at the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Energy Forum Conference, Chicago, IL.

"Is Wind Energy Development Right for Illinois," presented with Matt Aldeman October 28, 2010 at the Illinois Association of Illinois County Zoning Officials Annual Seminar in Utica, IL.

"Economic Impact of Wind Energy in Illinois," presented July 22, 2010 at the AgriEnergy Conference in Champaign, IL.

"Renewable Energy Major at ISU," presented July 21, 2010 at Green Universities and Colleges Subcommittee Webinar.

"Economics of Wind Energy," presented May 19, 2010 at the U.S. Green Building Council meeting in Chicago, IL.

"Forecasting: A Primer for the Small Business Entrepreneur," presented with James E. Cox, Jr. April 14, 2010 at the Allied Academies' Spring International Conference in New Orleans, LA.

"Are Renewable Portfolio Standards a Policy Cure-All? A Case Study of Illinois' Experience," presented January 30, 2010 at the 2010 William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review Symposium in Williamsburg, VA.

"Creating Partnerships between Universities and Industry," presented November 19, 2009, at New Ideas in Educating a Workforce in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Albany, NY.

"Educating Illinois in Renewable Energy, presented November 14, 2009 at the Illinois Science Teachers Association in Peoria, IL.



"Green Collar Jobs," invited presentation October 14, 2009 at the 2009 Workforce Forum in Peoria, IL.

"The Role of Wind Power in Illinois," presented March 4, 2009 at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives Engineering Seminar in Springfield, IL.

"The Economic Benefits of Wind Farms," presented January 30, 2009 at the East Central Illinois Economic Development District Meeting in Champaign, IL.

"Green Collar Jobs in Illinois," presented January 6, 2009 at the Illinois Workforce Investment Board Meeting in Macomb, Illinois.

"Green Collar Jobs: What Lies Ahead for Illinois?" presented August 1, 2008 at the Illinois Employment and Training Association Conference.

"Mapping Broadband Access in Illinois," presented October 16, 2007 at the Rural Telecon '07 conference.

"A Managerial Approach to Using Error Measures to Evaluate Forecasting Methods," presented October 15, 2007 at the International Academy of Business and Economics.

"Dollars and Sense: The Pros and Cons of Renewable Fuel," presented October 18, 2006 at Illinois State University Faculty Lecture Series.

"Broadband Access in Illinois," presented July 28, 2006 at the Illinois Association of Regional Councils Annual Meeting.

"Broadband Access in Illinois," presented November 17, 2005 at the University of Illinois' Connecting the e to Rural Illinois.

"Improving Forecasting Through Textbooks – A 25 Year Review," with James E. Cox, Jr., presented June 14, 2005 at the 25th International Symposium on Forecasting.

"Telecommunications Demand Forecasting with Intermodal Competition, with Christopher Swann, presented April 2, 2004 at the Telecommunications Systems Management Conference 2004.

"Intermodal Competition," with Christopher Swann, presented April 3, 2003 at the Telecommunications Systems Management Conference 2003.



"Intermodal Competition in Local Exchange Markets," with Christopher Swann, presented June 26, 2002 at the 20th Annual International Communications Forecasting Conference.

"Assessing Retail Competition," presented May 23, 2002 at the Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies' Illinois Energy Policy for the 21st Century workshop.

"The Devil in the Details: An Analysis of Default Service and Switching," with Eric Malm presented May 24, 2001 at the 20th Annual Advanced Workshop on Regulation and Competition.

"Forecasting Challenges for U.S. Telecommunications with Local Competition," presented June 28, 1999 at the 19th International Symposium on Forecasting.

"Acceptance of Forecasting Principles in Forecasting Textbooks," presented June 28, 1999 at the 19th International Symposium on Forecasting.

"Forecasting Challenges for Telecommunications With Local Competition," presented June 17, 1999 at the 17th Annual International Communications Forecasting Conference.

"Measures of Market Competitiveness in Deregulating Industries," with Eric Malm, presented May 28, 1999 at the 18th Annual Advanced Workshop on Regulation and Competition.

"Trends in Telecommunications Forecasting and the Impact of Deregulation," Proceedings of EPRI's 11th Forecasting Symposium, 1998.

"Forecasting in a Competitive Age: Utilizing Macroeconomic Forecasts to Accurately Predict the Demand for Services," invited speaker, Institute for International Research Conference, September 29, 1997.

"Regulatory Fairness and Local Competition Pricing," presented May 30, 1996 at the 15th Annual Advanced Workshop in Regulation and Public Utility Economics.

"Optimal Pricing For a Regulated Monopolist Facing New Competition: The Case of Bell Atlantic Special Access Demand," presented May 28, 1992 at the Rutgers Advanced Workshop in Regulation and Public Utility Economics.



Grants

"SmartGrid for Schools 2018 and Energy Challenge," with William Hunter, Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation, RSP Award # A15-0092-002 - extended, January 2017, \$300,000.

"Energy Learning Exchange - Implementing Nationally Recognized Energy Curriculum and Credentials in Illinois," Northern Illinois University, RSP Award # A17-0098, February, 2017, \$13,000.

"SmartGrid for Schools 2017 and Energy Challenge," with William Hunter, Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation, RSP Award # A15-0092-002 - extended, January 2017, \$350,000.

"Illinois Jobs Project," University of California Berkeley, RSP Award # A16-0148, August, 2016, \$10,000.

"Energy Workforce Ready Through Building Performance Analysis," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity through the Department of Labor, RSP # A16-0139, June, 2016, \$328,000 (grant was de-obligated before completion).

"SmartGrid for Schools 2016 and Smart Appliance Challenge," with William Hunter, Brad Christenson and Jeritt Williams, Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation, RSP Award # A15-0092-002, January 2016, \$450,000.

"SmartGrid for Schools 2015," with William Hunter and Matt Aldeman, Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation, RSP Award # A15-0092-001, February 2015, \$400,000.

"Economic Impact of Nuclear Plant Closings: A Response to HR 1146," Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity, RSP Award # 14-025001 amended, January, 2015, \$22,000.

"Partnership with Midwest Renewable Energy Association for Solar Market Pathways" with Missy Nergard and Jin Jo, U.S. Department of Energy Award Number DE-EE0006910, October, 2014, \$109,469 (ISU Award amount).

"Renewable Energy for Schools," with Matt Aldeman and Jin Jo, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 14-025001, June, 2014, \$130,001.

"SmartGrid for Schools 2014," with William Hunter and Matt Aldeman, Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation, RSP # 14B116, March 2014, \$451,701.

"WINDPOWER 2014 Conference Exhibit," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, RSP #14C167, March, 2014, \$95,000.



Grants (cont'd)

"Lake Michigan Offshore Wind Energy Buoy," with Matt Aldeman, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, Request ID 6435, November, 2013, \$90,000.

"Teaching Next Generation Energy Concepts with Next Generation Science Standards," with William Hunter, Matt Aldeman and Amy Bloom, Illinois State Board of Education, RSP # 13B170A, October, 2013, second year, \$159,954; amended to \$223,914.

"Solar for Schools," with Matt Aldeman, Illinois Green Economy Network, RSP # 13C280, August, 2013, \$66,072.

"Energy Learning Exchange Implementation Grant," with William Hunter and Matt Aldeman, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 13-052003, June, 2013, \$350,000.

"Teaching Next Generation Energy Concepts with Next Generation Science Standards," with William Hunter, Matt Aldeman and Amy Bloom, Illinois State Board of Education, RSP # 13B170, April, 2013, \$159,901.

"Illinois Sustainability Education SEP," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 08-431006, March, 2013, \$225,000.

"Illinois Pathways Energy Learning Exchange Planning Grant," with William Hunter and Matt Aldeman, Illinois State Board of Education (Source: U.S. Department of Education), RSP # 13A007, December, 2012, \$50,000.

"Illinois Sustainability Education SEP," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 08-431005, June 2011, amended March, 2012, \$98,911.

"Wind for Schools Education and Outreach," with Matt Aldeman, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 11-025001, amended February, 2012, \$111,752.

"A Proposal to Support Solar Energy Potential and Job Creation for the State of Illinois Focused on Large Scale Photovoltaic System," with Jin Jo (lead PI), Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 12-025001, January 2012, \$135,000.

"National Database of Utility Rates and Rate Structure," U.S. Department of Energy, Award Number DE-EE0005350TDD, 2011-2014, \$850,000.

"Illinois Sustainability Education SEP," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 08-431005, June 2011, \$75,000.



Grants (cont'd)

"Wind for Schools Education and Outreach," with Matt Aldeman, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 11-025001, March 2011, \$190,818.

"Using Informal Science Education to Increase Public Knowledge of Wind Energy in Illinois," with Amy Bloom and Matt Aldeman, Scott Elliott Cross-Disciplinary Grant Program, February 2011, \$13,713.

"Wind Turbine Market Research," with Matt Aldeman, Illinois Manufacturers Extension Center, May, 2010, \$4,000.

"Petco Resource Assessment," with Matt Aldeman, Petco Petroleum Co., April, 2010 amended August 2010 \$34,000; original amount \$18,000.

"Wind for Schools Education and Outreach," with Anthony Lornbach and Matt Aldeman, Scott Elliott Cross-Disciplinary Grant Program, February, 2010, \$13,635.

"IGA IFA/ISU Wind Due Diligence," Illinois Finance Authority, November, 2009, \$8,580 amended December 2009; original amount \$2,860.

"Green Industry Business Development Program, with the Shaw Group and Illinois Manufacturers Extension Center, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 09-021007, August 2009, \$245,000.

"Wind Turbine Workshop Support," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, June 2009, \$14,900.

"Illinois Wind Workers Group," with Randy Winter, U.S. Department of Energy, Award Number DE-EE0000507, 2009-2011, \$107,941.

"Wind Turbine Supply Chain Study," with J. Lon Carlson and James E. Payne, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 09-021003, April 2009, \$125,000.

"Renewable Energy Team Travel to American Wind Energy Association WindPower 2009 Conference, Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology, February 2009, \$3,005.

"Renewable Energy Educational Lab Equipment," with Randy Winter and David Kennell, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (peer-reviewed), February, 2008, \$232,600.



Grants (cont'd)

"Proposal for New Certificate Program in Electricity, Natural Gas and Telecommunications Economics," with James E. Payne, Extended Learning Program Grant, April, 2007, \$29,600.

"Illinois Broadband Mapping Study," with J. Lon Carlson and Rajeev Goel, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Award Number 06-205008, 2006-2007, \$75,000.

"Illinois Wind Energy Education and Outreach Project," with David Kennell and Randy Winter, U.S. Department of Energy, Award Number DE-FG36-06GO86091, 2006-2010, \$990,000.

"Wind Turbine Installation at Illinois State University Farm," with Doug Kingman and David Kennell, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (peer-reviewed), May, 2004, \$500,000.

"Illinois State University Wind Measurement Project," Doug Kingman and David Kennell, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (peer-reviewed), with August, 2003, \$40,000.

"Illinois State University Wind Measurement Project," with Doug Kingman and David Kennell, NEG Micon matching contribution, August, 2003, \$65,000.

"Distance Learning Technology Program," Illinois State University Faculty Technology Support Services, Summer 2002, \$3,000.

"Providing an Understanding of Telecommunications Technology By Incorporating Multimedia into Economics 235," Instructional Technology Development Grant (peer-reviewed), January 15, 2001, \$1,400.

"Using Real Presenter to create a virtual tour of GTE's Central Office," with Jack Chizmar, Instructional Technology Literacy Mentoring Project Grant (peer-reviewed), January 15, 2001, \$1,000.

"An Empirical Study of Telecommunications Industry Forecasting Practices," with James E. Cox, College of Business University Research Grant (peer-reviewed), Summer, 1999, \$6,000.

"Ownership Form and the Efficiency of Electric Utilities: A Meta-Analytic Review" with L. Dean Hiebert, Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies research grant (peer-reviewed), August 1998, \$6,000.

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Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Adrienne Ohler, Fiscal Year 2017, \$18,342.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Ameren (\$7,500), Aqua Illinois (\$7,500); Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Exelon (\$7,500); Illinois American Water (\$7,500) ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midcontinent ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2017, \$75,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Adrienne Ohler, Fiscal Year 2016, \$19,667.

Corporate Funding for Energy Learning Exchange, Calendar Year 2016, \$53,000.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Ameren (\$7,500), Aqua Illinois (\$7,500); Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Exelon/Constellation NewEnergy (\$7,500); Illinois American Water (\$7,500) ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midcontinent ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Utilities, Inc. (\$7,500) Fiscal Year 2016, \$82,500 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Adrienne Ohler, Fiscal Year 2015, \$15,897.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Ameren (\$7,500), Alliance Pipeline (\$7,500); Aqua Illinois (\$7,500); AT&T (\$7,500);Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Exelon/ Constellation NewEnergy (\$7,500); Illinois American Water (\$7,500) ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midcontinent ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2015, \$90,000 total.

Corporate Funding for Energy Learning Exchange, Calendar Year 2014, \$55,000.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Adrienne Ohler, Fiscal Year 2014, \$12,381.



Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Ameren (\$7,500), Alliance Pipeline (\$7,500); Aqua Illinois (\$7,500); AT&T (\$7,500);Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Constellation NewEnergy (\$7,500); Illinois American Water (\$7,500) ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (\$4,500); Midwest Generation (\$7,500); MidWest ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2014, \$102,000 total.

Corporate Funding for Energy Learning Exchange, Calendar Year 2013, \$53,000.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Adrienne Ohler, Fiscal Year 2013, \$17,097.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Ameren (\$7,500), Alliance Pipeline (\$7,500); Aqua Illinois (\$7,500); AT&T (\$7,500);Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Constellation NewEnergy (\$7,500); Illinois American Water (\$7,500) ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midwest Generation (\$7,500); MidWest ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2013, \$97,500 total.

Corporate Funding for Illinois Wind Working Group, Calendar Year 2012, \$29,325.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Adrienne Ohler, Fiscal Year 2012, \$16,060.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Alliance Pipeline (\$7,500); Aqua Illinois (\$7,500); AT&T (\$7,500); Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Constellation New-Energy (\$7,500); Illinois American Water (\$7,500) ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midwest Generation (\$7,500); MidWest ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2012, \$90,000 total.

Corporate Funding for Illinois Wind Working Group, Calendar Year 2011, \$57,005.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Adrienne Ohler, Fiscal Year 2011, \$13,562.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Alliance Pipeline (\$7,500); Aqua Illinois (\$7,500); AT&T (\$7,500);Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Constellation New-Energy (\$7,500); Illinois American Water (\$7,500) ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midwest Generation (\$7,500); MidWest ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2011, \$90,000 total.

Corporate Funding for Center for Renewable Energy, Calendar Year 2010, \$50,000.

Corporate Funding for Illinois Wind Working Group, Calendar Year 2010, \$49,000.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Lon Carlson, Fiscal Year 2010, \$17,759.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Alliance Pipeline (\$7,500); Ameren (\$7,500); AT&T (\$7,500); Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Constellation NewEnergy (\$7,500); ITC Holdings (\$7,500); Midwest Generation (\$7,500); MidWest ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2010, \$82,500 total.

Corporate Funding for Illinois Wind Working Group, Calendar Year 2009, \$57,140.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Lon Carlson, Fiscal Year 2009, \$21,988.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Alliance Pipeline (\$7,500); Ameren (\$7,500); AT&T (\$7,500); Commonwealth Edison (\$7,500); Constellation NewEnergy (\$7,500); MidAmerican Energy (\$7,500); Midwest Generation (\$7,500); MidWest ISO (\$7,500); NICOR Energy (\$7,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$7,500); PJM Interconnect (\$7,500); Fiscal Year 2009, \$82,500 total.

Corporate Funding for Center for Renewable Energy, Calendar Year 2008, \$157,500.

Corporate Funding for Illinois Wind Working Group, Calendar Year 2008, \$38,500.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Lon Carlson, Fiscal Year 2008, \$28,489.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, Alliance Pipeline (\$5,000); Ameren (\$5,000); AT&T (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Constellation NewEnergy (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); Midwest Generation (\$5,000); MidWest ISO (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); Peabody Energy (\$5,000), People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); PJM Interconnect (\$5,000); Fiscal Year 2008, \$60,000 total.



Corporate Funding for Illinois Wind Working Group, Calendar Year 2007, \$16,250.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Lon Carlson, Fiscal Year 2007, \$19,403.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, AARP (\$3,000), Alliance Pipeline (\$5,000), Ameren (\$5,000); Citizens Utility Board (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Constellation NewEnergy (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); Midwest Generation (\$5,000); MidWest ISO (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); Peabody Energy (\$5,000), People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); PJM Interconnect (\$5,000); SBC (\$5,000); Verizon (\$5,000); Fiscal Year 2007, \$73,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with Lon Carlson, Fiscal Year 2006, \$13,360.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, AARP (\$1,500), Alliance Pipeline (\$2,500), Ameren (\$5,000); Citizens Utility Board (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Constellation NewEnergy (\$5,000); DTE Energy (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); Midwest Generation (\$5,000); MidWest ISO (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); Peabody Energy (\$2,500), People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); PJM Interconnect (\$5,000); SBC (\$5,000); Verizon (\$5,000); Fiscal Year 2006, \$71,500 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Fiscal Year 2005, \$12,916.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); Citizens Utility Board (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Constellation New-Energy (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); Midwest Generation (\$5,000); MidWest ISO (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); PJM Interconnect (\$5,000); SBC (\$2,500); Verizon (\$2,500); Fiscal Year 2005, \$60,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Fiscal Year 2004, \$17,515.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Constellation NewEnergy (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); Midwest Generation (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); PJM Interconnect (\$5,000); Fiscal Year 2004, \$45,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Fiscal Year 2003, \$8,300.



Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); AT&T (\$2,500); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); Fiscal Year 2003, \$32,500 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Calendar Year 2002, \$15,700.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$2,500); AT&T (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$2,500); Illinois Power (\$2,500); MidAmerican Energy (\$2,500); NICOR Energy (\$2,500); People Gas Light and Coke (\$2,500); Calendar Year 2002, \$17,500 total.

Corporate Funding for International Communications Forecasting Conference, National Economic Research Associates (\$10,000); Taylor Nelson Sofres Telecoms (\$10,000); Calendar Year 2002, \$20,000 total

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); AT&T (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); Calendar Year 2001, \$35,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Calendar Year 2001, \$19,400.

Corporate Funding for International Communications Forecasting Conference, National Economic Research Associates (\$10,000); Taylor Nelson Sofres Telecoms (\$10,000); SAS Institute (\$10,000); Calendar Year 2001, \$30,000 total.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); AT&T (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); Calendar Year 2000, \$35,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Calendar Year 2000, \$20,270.

Corporate Funding for International Communications Forecasting Conference, National Economic Research Associates (\$10,000); Taylor Nelson Sofres Telecoms (\$10,000); Calendar Year 2000, \$20,000 total.



Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); AT&T (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); NICOR Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); Calendar Year 1999, \$35,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Calendar Year 1999, \$10,520.

Corporate Funding for International Communications Forecasting Conference, National Economic Research Associates (\$10,000); PNR Associates (\$10,000); Calendar Year 1999, \$20,000 total.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); CILCO (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); Calendar Year 1998, \$30,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Calendar Year 1998, \$44,334.

Corporate Funding for International Communications Forecasting Conference, National Economic Research Associates (\$10,000); PNR Associates (\$10,000); Calendar Year 1998, \$20,000 total.

Corporate Funding for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, AmerenCIPS (\$5,000); CILCO (\$5,000); Commonwealth Edison (\$5,000); Illinois Power (\$5,000); MidAmerican Energy (\$5,000); People Gas Light and Coke (\$5,000); Calendar Year 1997, \$30,000 total.

Workshop Surplus for Institute for Regulatory Policy Studies, with L. Dean Hiebert, Calendar Year 1997, \$19,717.

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