

## OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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

CASE NO. 20-1380-EL-BGN

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 19, 2021

{¶ 1} Ross County Solar, LLC (RCS) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.04, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 through 4906-4.

{¶ 3} On September 14, 2020, Applicant filed a pre-application notification letter with the Board regarding a proposed solar-powered electric generating facility in Buckskin and Paint townships, Ross County, Ohio.

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

{¶ 5} Pursuant to the Entry of January 20, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a procedural schedule in this case.

{¶ 6} On March 1, 2021, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) filed a motion to intervene asserting that it has a real and substantial interest on behalf of its members, and that its involvement in the case will not cause undue delay or prejudice to any existing party. The motion to intervene has not been opposed.

{¶ 7} On March 8, 2021, the Boards of Trustees of Paint and Buckskin Townships each filed a notice of intervention with supporting resolutions, stating that it has a real and substantial interest which cannot be represented by another party, that its contribution is

essential to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved in the proceeding, and that its intervention would not delay or prejudice any existing party. No memoranda contra the notices of intervention have been filed.

{¶ 8} For good cause shown, the ALJ finds that the timely and unopposed motion to intervene filed by OFBF should be granted, consistent with R.C. 4906.08(A)(3) and Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-12(A)(2). Moreover, the ALJ finds that the notices of intervention filed by the Boards of Trustees of Paint and Buckskin Townships meet the requirements for intervention set forth in R.C. 4906.08(A)(2) and Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-12(A)(1) and these entities should also be granted intervention in this matter.

{¶ 9} At this time, the ALJ schedules a prehearing conference on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will occur via remote access technology and will focus on the processes to be utilized relative to the conducting of the evidentiary hearing and the scheduling of witnesses. The Board will email instructions to the parties for participation in the prehearing conference prior to the event.

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That OFBF's motion to intervene be granted as stated in Paragraph 8. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That Buckskin Township and Paint Township be granted intervention as stated in Paragraph 8. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled in accordance with Paragraph 9. It is further,

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

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

/s/Jesse M. Davis

By: Jesse M. Davis  
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry granting intervention and setting a prehearing conference for 4/19/21 at 10:00 am. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board