

To start off, I want the Board to know that I AM NOT AGAINST the Powell Creek SOLAR FARM. I'm speaking to you about concerns I have with the safety on the Intersection of State Route 108 and State Route 613. Presently, 3 of the 4 corners Will Not have Solar Panels installed on them. The Southwest Corner of the Intersection is the one in question. It will have a fence within 100 feet from the right of way, from both roads. I have lived on the corner of St. Rt. 108 and 613 for over 40years. I have witnessed many vehicles running through the Stop Sign on St. Rt. 613. When vehicles see them on St. Rt. 108, they will stop before a collision occurs. Since the panels and fence will be about 9 or 10 feet, this will block the view from the vehicles running the stop sign on St. Rt. 613.

Instead of 100 foot set back on the Southwest corner, it needs to be 400 feet set back from both St. Rt. 108 and St. Rt. 613, for better visual and for vehicles to see the other vehicles when not stopping at the stop sign. This will only add an additional .57 of an acre to the present 1.2 acres for the first 100 setbacks. This is a small price for ultimate safety. This is a VERY HIGHLY TRAVELED Highway. The staff did not mention in this report to the Ohio Siting Board, listed on page 11, dealing with traffic volume.

My second concern is the aesthetics of the community. Again, dealing with St. Rt. 108 coming from ½ mile South of Miller City, then heading into Miller City. Panels will be visible by high traffic volume. Avangrid has optioned farm land west of the western side of the project to TWP. Rd. 15-C, and South of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. It contains 160 acres. This land is contingent or can be connected to the most western side of the project. Removing Solar Panels ½ miles out of Miller City along St. Rt. 108 would help the aesthetics of the town of Miller City and relocating to the western edge of the option leased ground would greatly enhance the land and the town and surrounding area. The cost may be higher but the savings is already being realized from efficiency of the solar Panels, reducing from 1050 acres to 933 acres to achieve 150 megawatts. This is a significant savings that Avangrid can use rerouting the Solar farm to accommodate the community with the aesthetics or as Avangrid said, being a good neighbor to the community.

The third concern I have is the noise level from the inverters and tracking motors. As the panels move, will there be constant metal sounds? (I don't know) Wind velocity could be another problem, as the community witnessed a Derecho in 2011/2012, with winds up to 100 mph.

In conclusion, these concerns can be mitigated by moving the Solar field away from Miller City to a more suitable area away from town that Avangrid has land on lease option. This will free up land for Miller City to grow and prosper as a community.

Thank you for your time.

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