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I'm writing to voice my concern about the intersection of State Route 613 and St. Rt. 108. As Ken Niese so carefully stated there is great concern about safety with panels so close to the south west corner of St. Rt. 108 and St. Rt. 613 intersection. We both live at this intersection and witness the many times when people traveling on 613 fail to stop at the intersection. We see this because we live here. Only by the grace of God has many accidents been avoided. Ken Niese has researched where these panels could be moved so the solar field could retain the same acreage. The acreage could be moved to the western side of the solar farm. There is acreage optioned that can be attached to the existing solar farm. This would greatly increase the aesthetics coming into town. This will also add room to grow.

We are not against the Powell Creek Solar Farm. My husband and I are older, so this will not affect us that long, but we are concerned for the future of the town.

The town needs a sewer system for it to grow and the Solar farm will allow this to happen. My concern is that they have solar panels almost every place the town could grow.

One half mile on the North side of town we have a landfill. Immediately, on the East side of the schools athletic field they have solar panels. One half mile to the south, solar panels are planned. To the Northwest we have a hog farm and a large dairy barn. Straight west, more solar panels are planned. Where will they grow? My concern is that they have not thought about where the town could grow if they fill all those areas with solar panels. This town is so desperately in need of the sewer system that I'm afraid they are not thinking long term.

Miller City is a small community where we look out for each other and take care of one another. Our school system is top notch. Colleges always welcome our students because of their work ethic and moral upbringing. We want only good things for our small town.

Sincerely,

Anna Mae Wenzlick

TO OHIO SITING BOARD

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.

THIS IS A COPY OF MY TESTIMONY FROM MARCH 31,
MY PHONE GAVE A POOR AUDIO SO I AM SENDING THIS
FOR ANY QUESTIONS ALSO I AM SENDING A COPY
OF MY STATEMENT TO RELOCATE 2 PARCELS AND A
MAP TO VISUALIZE IT.

THANK YOU

TO OHIO SITING BOARD

DUE TO 2 PARCELS ALONG
ST. RT 108 THAT COULD BE
MOVED TO A LOCATION ON
THE WEST EDGE OF THE SOLAR
PROJECT TO TOWNSHIP ROAD
15-C ALONG THE NORTH EDGE
OF THE NORTH FOLK RAILROAD.
WOULD BE BETTER FIT FOR THE
AESTHETICS OF COMING INTO TOWN.
THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE WIRE
ON MY NORTH END OF MY FARM
BUT THEY CAN USE THE SOUTH
END TO TRANSFER IT OUT
TO MY NEIGHBOR THAT WILL GIVE
PERMISSION TO GO TO SOUTH EAST
CORNER OF ST. RT. 108 TO BE HOOKED
UP TO THE NEXT PARCEL.
THIS WILL CERTAINLY HELP OUT
THE SOUTH END OF TOWN.
AESTHETICS THAT I HOPE YOU
CAN CONSIDER.

MAPS OF EXISTING
AND NEW PROPOSED CAN
ILLUSTRATE THIS, GIVING ROOM FOR THE
COMMUNITY TO GROW.

