

May 4, 2021

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**Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need**

**Case:** Marion County Solar Project

**Case Number:** 21-0036-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. Pirik:

This letter is to inform you that the above referenced application, filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) on March 5, 2021 along with Marion County Solar Project, LLC's data request responses, has been found to comply with Chapters 4906-01, et seq., of the Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio Adm.Code). This means the Board's staff (Staff) has received sufficient information to begin its review of this application. During the course of its investigation, the Staff may request additional information to ensure Staff can continue to conduct its review of the application, including but not limited to:

- Results of the technical reports detailing the findings of cultural resources surveys completed in the Spring of 2021. Also, Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) concurrence on recommendations for avoidance or mitigation based on these technical reports and as included in the implementation of the Programmatic Agreement between Marion County Solar, LLC and OHPO dated March 25, 2021 and filed on the docket in this case March 31, 2021.

Pursuant to Board rules, the certified application and supplements must now be filed with the Board in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Adm.Code Rules 4906-3-06 and 4906-3-07. In summary form, these rules require:

1. Serving copies of the certified application upon appropriate government officials and public agencies. In this regard, please inform these officials in writing that if they wish to intervene in the proceedings, they must file a notice of intervention with the Board within thirty days of being served a copy of the application.
2. Filing Proof of Service with the Board.

Upon completion of these requirements, you will be notified of the effective date of filing and the date and details of the public hearing.



**Board Members**  
Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Director, Ohio Development Services Agency  
Director, Ohio Department of Health  
Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Public Member  
Ohio House of Representatives  
Ohio Senate

Please be informed that under Section 4906.04 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.), the applicant shall not commence to construct any portion of the facility prior to obtaining a certificate from the Board.

Also be informed that to assist your company in meeting the provisions of Ohio Power Siting Board rules, the Board will serve as a clearinghouse for the distribution to and service of the application and supplements upon the following state agencies:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Ohio Development Services Agency  
Ohio Department of Health  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Ohio Department of Transportation  
Ohio Historical Society

Upon filing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(F) and Ohio Adm.Code Rule 4906-3-12, the amount of \$50,000 is an application fee.

You will receive an invoice from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Finance Department.

Payment of the application fee is due within 30 days.

Please file proof of payment in the docket.

Depending on the complexity of the staff investigation, the application fee may not cover all costs associated with this case. Additional invoicing may be necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (866) 270-6772 or Jon Pawley via [jonathan.pawley@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:jonathan.pawley@puco.ohio.gov) or at (614) 644-7631.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Theresa White  
Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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