

Union Ridge Solar, LLC, Case No. 20-1757-EL-BGN
Updated Responses to OPSB Staff Data Request - Part 5

Appendix D



In reply, please refer to:
2020-LIC-49668

March 20, 2021

Ryan Weller
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RE: Union Ridge Solar Project – Revised History Architecture Survey Report
Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Weller:

This letter is in response to correspondence received February 19, 2021. The comments of Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of Ohio Revised Code 149.53 requesting cooperation among state agencies in the preservation of historic properties, Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 4906-1 to 4906-17, and with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and the associated regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.

The correspondence included the revised *History/Architecture Investigations for the 211.6 ha (522.9 ac) Union Ridge Solar Project in Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio*. The Project includes the construction and operation of a commercial-scale solar energy facility. The report states that there are multiple previously surveyed history architecture resources within the 2-mile intensive study area, and many of those resources are listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). However, these resources were not resurveyed or evaluated for this project. Although resurveying of previously surveyed properties should be done to evaluate the effect a project has on them, these resources appear to be closer to the outer edge of the 2-mile area for this project. Therefore, we are accepting the report as is.

There were twenty-three (23) newly identified properties 50 years of age or older. The report recommends that one (1) of these properties is eligible for listing in the NRHP. This property is the Goldstein Farmstead (OHI #LIC0155120) located at 8331 Creek Road Southwest, and is recommended under Criterion C as an excellent example of Greek Revival Architect. The other twenty-two (22) properties were recommended as not eligible. The SHPO agrees with these recommendations.

The report also states that the proposed solar facility will not adversely affect the Goldstein Farmstead. The basis for the recommendation is that the western portion of the project area will not have any above ground elements, such as the photovoltaic panels, the substation, etc. The report states that the closest these elements will be from the NRHP eligible resource is over 1/2-mile and will be buffered by vegetation. The SHPO agrees with this recommendation.

Please note that this letter is only for history architecture resources. Archaeological resources are being reviewed under a separate letter. No further coordination on history architecture resources is necessary unless there is a change in the project, such as panels being moved further to the west.

If you have any questions, please contact me at kkoehlinger@ohiohistory.org or (614) 298-2000. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristen Koehlinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristen" and last name "Koehlinger" clearly legible.

Kristen Koehlinger, Project Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

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