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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Tanowa Troupe
Administration/Docketing
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Union Ridge Solar, LLC, Case No. 20-1757-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

On March 26, 2021, Union Ridge Solar, LLC (“Union Ridge”) filed an application for authority to construct up to a 108 megawatt (“MW”) solar-powered electric facility in Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio. Attached for filing in the above-referenced case is a copy of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office’s (“SHPO”) letter in response to Union Ridge’s revised *History/Architecture Investigations*. SHPO finds that it has no archaeological concerns with the change in the panel layout.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dylan F. Borchers

Attachment



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

May 26, 2021

Ryan Weller
Weller & Associates
1395 W 5th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43212

RE: Union Ridge Solar Project – Revised Panel Locations
Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Weller:

This letter is in response to correspondence received May 3, 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 SHPO previously received 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 stated that the proposed solar facility would not adversely affect the Goldstein Farmstead (OHI #LIC0155120), which was the only property determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The basis for the recommendation was that the western portion of the project area would not have any above ground elements, such as the photovoltaic panels, the substation, etc., in the area closest to this property. The current submittal shows that panels will extend closer to the NRHP eligible resource, but will still be close to 1/2-mile away and be buffered by vegetation. The SHPO concurs with its previous letter that the proposed solar facility will not adversely affect historic resources.

Archaeological resources were previously reviewed under a separate letter. No sites were found in this area. Therefore, the SHPO has no archaeological concerns with the change in the panel layout.

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 dark ink, reading "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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