#### **BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

# IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROSS COUNTY SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED.

CASE NO. 20-1380-EL-BGN

## MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR BUCKSKIN TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO

Now comes Jeffrey C. Marks, the duly elected Prosecuting Attorney for Ross County, Ohio, statutory counsel for Buckskin Township, Ross County, Ohio, and counsel of record in these proceedings for Buckskin Township, Ross County, Ohio, who hereby requests this Board to permit him to withdraw as counsel for Buckskin Township in this matter.

The said Jeffrey C. Marks, in his position as the Prosecuting Attorney for Ross County, Ohio, has been the counsel of record for Buckskin Township and Paint Township, both being parties who were permitted to intervene in these proceedings in the Entry filed on or about March 19, 2021.

At this stage of the proceedings, in has become apparent to counsel that his continued representation of both Buckskin and Paint Townships would create a conflict of interest on his part, insomuch as one Township has signed on as a party to the Joint Stipulation filed in this case on or about May 18, 2021, and the other Township has decided to object to and contest the same Joint Stipulation.

Counsel has met independently with both Townships, who have now been fully apprised of the conflict of interest that exists in counsel's continued representation of each Intervener, as well their respective options in how to proceed moving forward in this case. Following those meetings, on May 31, 2021, both Townships passed their own separate resolutions waiving this conflict of interest and allowing the said Jeffrey C. Marks to file this Motion to Withdraw as counsel for Buckskin Township, and remain as counsel of record for Paint Township moving forward in these proceedings.

Based upon the above, it is requested that this Motion to Withdraw as counsel for Intervener Buckskin Township be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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