

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

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 4, 2021

{¶ 1} Ross County Solar, LLC (RCS or Applicant) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.04, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 through 4906-4.

{¶ 3} On September 14, 2020, Applicant filed a pre-application notification letter with the Board regarding a proposed solar-powered electric generating facility in Buckskin and Paint townships, Ross County, Ohio.

{¶ 4} On October 30, 2020, RCS filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct and operate a solar-powered electric generation facility of up to 120 megawatts in Ross County, Ohio.

{¶ 5} Pursuant to the Entry of January 20, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a procedural schedule in the case. Among other findings, that Entry established the following deadlines: (1) April 14, 2021, for RCS to file its expert and factual testimony, (2) April 21, 2021, for intervenors and the Board Staff to file their respective factual and expert testimony, and (3) April 22, 2021, at noon for the filing any stipulations. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled to begin on April 27, 2020.

{¶ 6} RCS filed its direct testimonies on April 14, 2021.

{¶ 7} A prehearing conference was held on April 19, 2021.

{¶ 8} On April 20, 2021, RCS, the Board Staff, the Boards of Trustees of Buckskin and Paint townships, and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (collectively, Joint Parties) filed a joint motion to continue the established deadlines and a request for expedited ruling. Specifically, Joint Parties requested that the April 21, 2021 deadline for Board Staff and intervenors to file their respective testimony and the April 22, 2021 deadline for the filing of any stipulation be extended. Additionally, they requested that the April 27, 2021 evidentiary hearing be called and continued.

{¶ 9} On April 27, 2021, the evidentiary hearing was called and continued. During the hearing, Joint Parties provided updates as to their discussions and negotiations.

{¶ 10} Pursuant to the Entry of April 30, 2021, the evidentiary hearing was rescheduled to held on May 19, 2021. Any stipulation was to be filed by May 11, 2021. RCS testimony in support of the stipulation and Staff and intervenor testimony was to be filed by May 14, 2021.

{¶ 11} On May 11, 2021, Joint Parties filed a motion to continue the established deadlines and a request for expedited ruling. Specifically, Joint Parties requested that the May 11, 2021 deadline to file a stipulation be moved to May 18, 2021, and that the May 14, 2021 deadline for Staff and intervenor testimony be moved to May 21, 2021. Additionally, Joint Parties requested that the evidentiary hearing to commence on May 19, 2021, be called and continued.

{¶ 12} Pursuant to the Entry of May 12, 2021, the procedural schedule in this matter was revised.

{¶ 13} On May 19, 202, the evidentiary hearing was called and continued. During the hearing, Joint Parties provided updates as to their discussions and negotiations.

{¶ 14} On June 1, 2021, a status conference was held via remote access technology. During the conference, Joint Parties provided updates as to their discussions and

negotiations. Joint Parties also discussed and agreed upon June 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. as the date of the evidentiary hearing.

{¶ 15} The adjudicatory hearing shall now commence on June 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The evidentiary hearing will be conducted using Webex remote technology. Access to the evidentiary hearing shall occur consistent with the Entry of May 10, 2021.

{¶ 16} It is, therefore,

{¶ 17} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule be revised in accordance with Paragraphs 14 and 15. It is, further,

{¶ 18} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

/s/Jesse M. Davis

By: Jesse M. Davis
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that the procedural schedule be revised in accordance with Paragraphs 14 and 15. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board