

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the Application:  
of Cadence Solar Energy, LLC for:  
a Certificate of Environmental : Case No.  
Compatibility and Public Need : 20-1677-EL-BGN  
to Construct a Solar-Powered :  
Electric Generation Facility :  
in Union County, Ohio. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Sarah Parrot and Jesse Davis,  
Administrative Law Judges, held at the offices  
of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180  
East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus,  
Ohio, on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.

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4 and  
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7 Columbus, Ohio 43215

8 On behalf of the Applicant.

9 Frost Brown Todd, LLC  
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14 On behalf of Union County.

15 Mr. Thayne D. Gray  
16 Office of the Prosecuting Attorney  
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18 Marysville, Ohio 43040

19 On behalf of Union County, Liberty  
20 Township, Taylor Township and  
21 York Township.

22 Ms. Amy M. Milam  
23 280 North High Street  
24 Columbus, Ohio 43215

25 On behalf of the Ohio Farm  
Bureau Federation.

Mr. Robert Eubanks  
and  
Mr. Thomas Shepherd  
Assistant Attorneys General  
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On behalf of the Staff of the  
Ohio Power Siting Board.

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Tuesday Morning,  
July 20, 2021.

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ALJ PARROT: The Ohio Power Siting Board has set for hearing at this time and place Case No. 20-1677-EL-BGN which is captioned In the Matter of the Application of Candence Solar Energy, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

Good morning, everyone. My name is Sarah Parrot. With me on the bench today is Jesse Davis. We are the Administrative Law Judges assigned by the Board to hear this case.

At this time I would like to get started with appearances of the parties beginning with the Applicant.

MS. PIRIK: Thank you, Your Honor. On behalf of the Applicant Candence Solar Energy, the law firm of Dickinson Wright, by Christine Pirik and Matthew McDonnell, 150 East Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

ALJ PARROT: Thank you. On behalf of the Board's staff.

MR. EUBANKS: Thank you, Your Honor. Robert Eubanks and Thomas Shepherd, Assistant

1 Attorneys General, here on behalf of Staff, 30  
 2 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

3 ALJ PARROT: Thank you. On behalf  
 4 of the Union County Commissioners.

5 MR. ASHRAWI: Good morning. Thank  
 6 you. Yazan Ashrawi with Frost Brown Todd, 10  
 7 West Broad Street, Suite 2300, Columbus, Ohio  
 8 43215.

9 ALJ PARROT: Thank you. On behalf  
 10 of the Union Soil and Water Conservation  
 11 District.

12 MR. GRAY: Thayne Gray, Assistant  
 13 Prosecuting Attorney, 249 West Fifth Street,  
 14 Marysville, Ohio.

15 ALJ PARROT: And on behalf of the  
 16 Board of the Township Trustees of York Township.

17 MR. GRAY: Thayne Gray, same  
 18 address.

19 ALJ PARROT: And on behalf of the  
 20 Board of Township Trustees of Taylor Township.

21 MR. GRAY: Thayne Gray.

22 ALJ PARROT: And Liberty. So  
 23 York, Liberty and Taylor all here represented by  
 24 Mr. Gray.

25 MR. GRAY: Yes.

1 ALJ PARROT: Thank you. And finally  
2 on behalf of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

3 MS. MILAM: Good morning, Your  
4 Honors. Amy Milam on behalf of Ohio Farm Bureau  
5 Federation, 280 North High Street, 6th Floor,  
6 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

7 ALJ PARROT: Thank you. I believe  
8 that is the end of our list of parties to this  
9 case. I would just note for the record that  
10 pursuant to an entry dated July 16th, 2021 a  
11 joint motion filed by the parties to call and  
12 continue this hearing to a later date was  
13 granted.

14 The parties also requested that the  
15 deadlines for testimony and for any stipulations  
16 to be filed in this case be extended to a date  
17 to be determined.

18 So at this time are the parties  
19 prepared to discuss a revised procedural  
20 schedule? I will turn things over to you, Ms.  
21 Pirik.

22 MS. PIRIK: Yes, we are, Your Honor,  
23 and perhaps we should discuss off the record and  
24 then we can come back on when we are ready.

25 ALJ PARROT: That sounds good.

1 Let's do that. We are off the record.

2 (DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD)

3 ALJ PARROT: While we were off the  
4 record the parties have discussed a plan for  
5 proceeding with this case. I think we have  
6 agreed that for now we will leave the schedule  
7 open. The parties are going to apprise the  
8 Bench hopefully by next week of proposed  
9 deadlines for filing of testimony, any  
10 stipulation that is reached in the case, as well  
11 as a proposed date for reconvening this hearing.

12 We have tentatively agreed I think  
13 that the objective here is to try to schedule  
14 the hearing to reconvene sometime around  
15 the middle of August.

16 Anything else from the parties,  
17 anything we need to add to my summary of our  
18 discussions?

19 All right. If nothing then this  
20 hearing is adjourned for now. We will reconvene  
21 at a date to be scheduled by future entry of  
22 the Board. Thank you.

23 (At 10:20 A.M. the hearing was  
24 concluded)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on July 20, 2021, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

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Michael O. Spencer,  
Registered Professional  
Reporter.

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