

I would like to update you on my inquiry with the Ohio Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. Although I am not privy to their internal investigation regarding my inquiry (using non-Ohio registered engineers/surveyors for the Birch Solar project) I did receive within the last week a request for additional information, which I provided. Therefore, I am left to believe the State Board has seen some credibility with my inquiry.

Has, or is there, any coordination between OPSB and the Ohio Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors concerning my inquiry? I still hold the opinion that multiple engineering studies have been submitted to the OPSB which are in conflict with the ORC. Although I believe my concerns may yet result in my opinion being wrong, I do call on the OPSB again to suspend/table any/all review of the Birch Solar 1, LLC development until a point in time in which I am proven incorrect. I believe the State Board of Registration's request for additional information might now better support such a decision to suspend.

This matter is also becoming more a matter of importance in regards to resolution as we are seeking professional expert witness testimony at the adjudicatory hearings. If the OPSB does not consider an Ohio registration of any importance to the application approval process this will open up the number of potential professional expert witnesses we may call upon.

If you are in need of a more detailed opinion as to why I feel the engineering studies are in conflict with the ORC I would be happy to provide it. Below is the point of contact at the Board of Registration I have been corresponding with:

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Respectfully,

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