

August 18, 2021

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

Re: Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN, In the Matter of the Application of Birch Solar 1, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Allen and Auglaize Counties, Ohio.

Proof of Publication for Third Public Information Meeting

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Attached please find a copy of the proof of publication indicating that the notice of the third public information meeting was published in the *Wapakoneta Daily News* and the *Lima News*, newspapers of general circulation in the project area.

The in-person public information meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik

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Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF ALLEN }

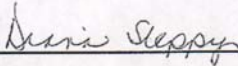
Diana Sleppy, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Customer Service/Sales of the LIMA NEWS, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in LIMA, ALLEN County, OHIO; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

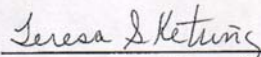
Aug 2, 2021

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Subscribed to and sworn to me this 2nd day of Aug 2021



Teresa S. Ketring, ALLEN County, OHIO

My commission expires: April 1, 2024

\$ 3,264.40



Teresa S. Ketring
Notary Public - State of Ohio
My Comm. Exp. 4-1-24

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On both Friday, November 20th and Monday, November 23rd, Lightsource bp hosted interactive, virtual public information meetings to provide residents an opportunity to learn about the Birch Solar project and ask questions of the development team and the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) staff.

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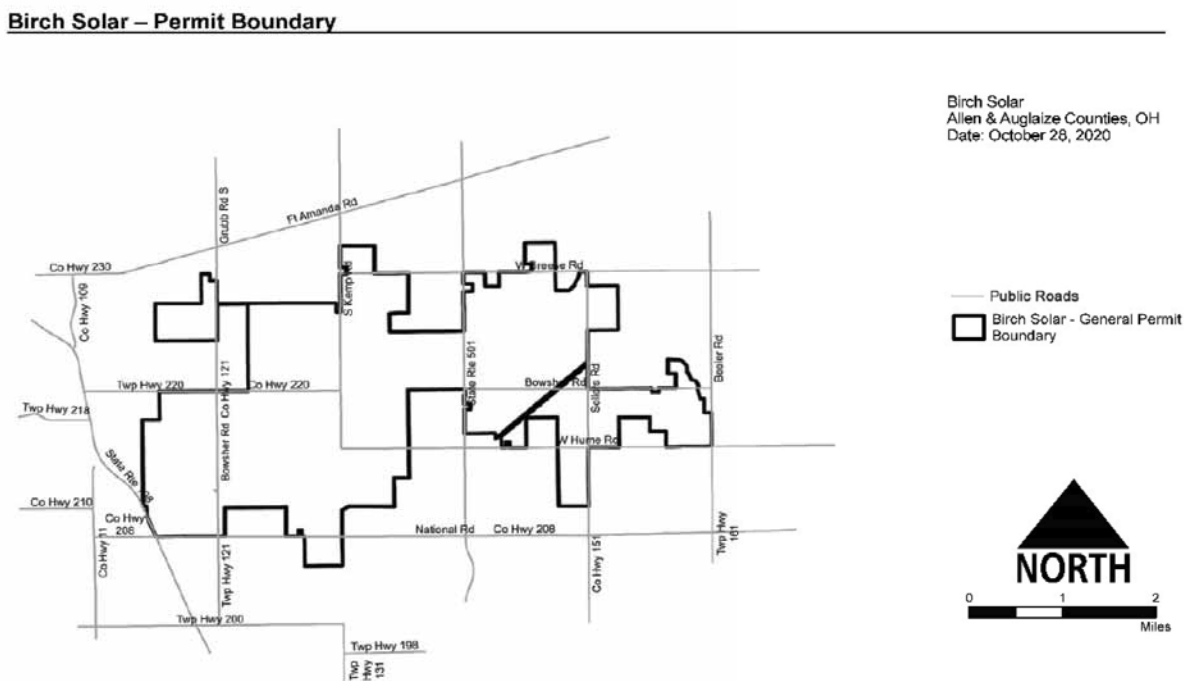
If you are unable to attend public information meeting and would like to receive a copy of the presentation, contact the Birch Solar team at birchsolar@lightsourcebp.com or 320-267-3595

Birch Solar filed its application with OPSB on February 12, 2021. OPSB's case number for the project is 20-1605-EL-BGN and the filings made with the OPSB in the Birch Solar case can be viewed at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=20-1605&x=14&y=14>.

Upon the receipt of the application, OPSB reviews the application to determine if it is complete so OPSB staff can begin its investigation. As the OPSB found the application complete on July 14, 2021, OPSB will set a date for public hearing in the near future. The public hearing consists of two parts: a public hearing where OPSB will accept written or oral testimony and an adjudicatory hearing. 15 days prior to the public hearing, OPSB's staff will submit a written report on the project.

OPSB accepts written comments on the project from interested persons at any time, as well as written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing. Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by OPSB in accordance with a deadline set by OPSB. To request notification of the public hearing or submit comments in the docket contact OPSB at 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215, 1-866-270-6772, or contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov. Petitions to intervene should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215 or can be electronically filed. All correspondence and petitions to intervene must include reference to Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN.

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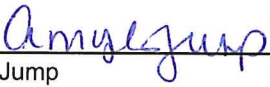
, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Amy Jump of the Wapakoneta Daily News, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Wapakoneta, Auglaize County County, Ohio; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

July 31, 2021

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:


Amy Jump

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 31st day of July 2021.



Rebecca S. Short, Business Manager, Auglaize County County, Ohio

My commission expires: August 14, 2023



REBECCA S. SHORT
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
My Commission Expires Aug. 14, 2023

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Notice of Public Information

Meeting for Proposed Major Utility Facility

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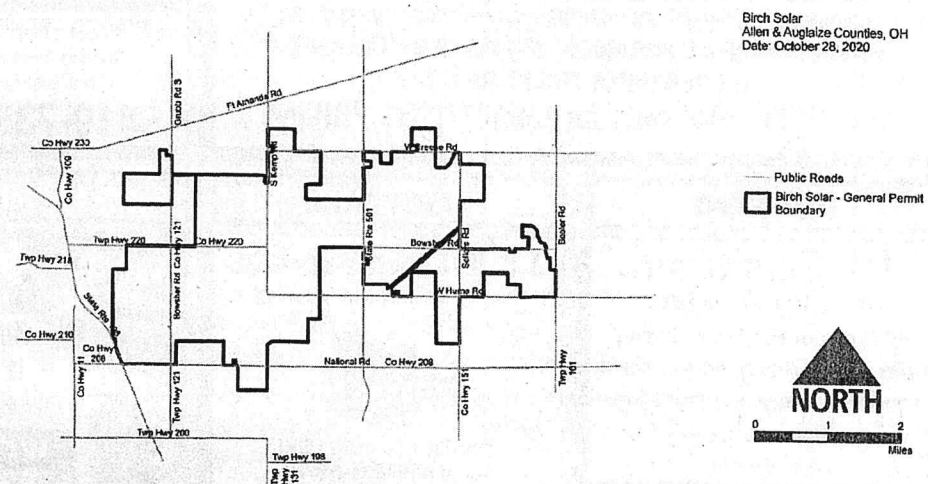
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Birch Solar – Permit Boundary



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Summary: Proof of Pub for Third Public Information Meeting
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