

OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
UNION RIDGE SOLAR, LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO
CONSTRUCT A SOLAR-POWERED
ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY IN
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

CASE NO. 20-1757-EL-BGN

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 27, 2021

{¶ 1} Union Ridge Solar, LLC (Union Ridge) 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 March 26, 2021, as supplemented on May 6, 2021, Union Ridge 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 approximately 108 megawatts in Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio (Project).

{¶ 4} Pursuant to the Entry of June 25, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a procedural schedule in this case.

{¶ 5} On June 22, 2021, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) filed a motion to intervene asserting that it has a real and substantial interest in this matter on behalf of its members, and that its involvement in the case will not cause undue delay or prejudice to any existing party. No memorandum contra OFBF's motion to intervene was filed.

{¶ 6} On June 23, 2021, the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District (Conservation District), Jared Knerr, the Licking County Engineer (County Engineer), and the Harrison Township Board of Trustees (Board of Trustees) filed notices of intervention

stating that they have a real and substantial interest which cannot be represented by another party, that their contributions are essential to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved in the proceeding, and that intervention would not delay or prejudice any existing party.

{¶ 7} On June 24, 2021, the County Commissioners of Licking County (County Commissioners) filed a notice of intervention with an accompanying resolution stating that it has a real and substantial interest in ensuring the Project does not harm the township or its citizens, and that its intervention would not unjustly prejudice any party, or unduly delay the proceeding.

{¶ 8} On June 25, 2021, the Licking County Planning Commission (Planning Commission) filed a notice to intervene and accompanying resolution, stating that it has a real and substantial interest in the outcome of the proceeding that cannot be represented by another party and that its intervention would not unduly delay the proceeding or unjustly prejudice any party.

{¶ 9} For good cause shown, the ALJ finds that the timely and unopposed motions to intervene and notices of intervention filed by OFBF, Conservation District, County Engineer, Board of Trustees, County Commissioners, and Planning Commission are reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That OFBF's motion to intervene be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the Conservation District, County Engineer, Board of Trustees, County Commissioners, and Planning Commission be granted intervention. It is, further,

{¶ 13} 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 granting the motions to intervene as detailed herein. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board