

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Union :
Ridge Solar, LLC for a Certificate of : Case No. 20-1757-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public :
Need :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Andrew Conway**

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO,
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

STAFF EX. ____

September 9, 2021

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Andrew Conway, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus, OH 43215.
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a
7 Utility Specialist II within the Power Siting Department.
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9 3. Q. Please describe your job title and duties?

10 A. As a Utility Specialist II focusing on engineering in the Power Siting
11 Department, I review technical issues associated with energy infrastructure
12 design, construction, and operation. I work as a case lead or in assigned
13 areas of Applications for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
14 Public Need to construct major utility facilities and economically signifi-
15 cant wind farms, and other duties.
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17 I have provided analysis on multiple projects, including wind farms, solar
18 farms, and natural gas combined cycle power plants submitted to the Ohio
19 Power Siting Board (OPSB). I have also inspected and visited numerous
20 power plants in various stages of design, construction, and operation.
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1 4. Q. Would you please summarize your educational background and work
2 experience?

3 A. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and minor in
4 Chemistry from the University of Toledo. I am also a registered
5 professional engineer in the State of Ohio. I attended a Solar Photovoltaic
6 Project Design and Development training workshop in August 2016. I
7 successfully completed the Electronics Technicians Association (ETA)
8 certified 5-day Photovoltaic Level 1 Design/Installation Course in January
9 2017. I also took training courses specific to geotechnical exploration,
10 renewable energy installation, and safety.

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12 From 2001 to 2009, I was employed by the Ohio Environmental Protection
13 Agency as an environmental specialist. From 2009 to present, I have been
14 employed in my current position at the PUCO.

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16 5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
17 Board?

18 A. Yes.

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20 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

21 A. I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)
22 where specifically, I was a Staff analyst for portions of the staff report

1 pertaining to glare, decommissioning, public and private water supplies,
2 wind velocity, air, aviation, safety, and water conservation practice. Also,
3 on June 25, 2021, the administrative law judge in this case issued an entry
4 that required each party to file a list of issues citing specific concerns about
5 which they may be interested in pursuing cross-examination of witnesses at
6 the evidentiary hearing. Harrison Township Board of Trustees then filed a
7 list of issues that included, among other things, the potential to conduct
8 cross-examination on the Staff's investigation particularly issues related to
9 the performance bond and decommissioning. I am available to respond
10 specifically to that item from the Staff Report and any resulting Stipulation.

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12 7. Q. Are you testifying to any specific conditions of the Staff Report?

13 A. Yes, conditions 11, 29, and 30.

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15 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

16 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
17 as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
18 positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Andrew Conway**, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Power Siting Department, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 9th day of September 2021.

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