

**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  
Jess Stottsberry**

**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 Jess Stottsberry, 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 geology in the Power Siting  
11 Department, I primarily provide technical review of assigned areas of  
12 Applications for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public  
13 Need to construct major utility facilities and economically significant wind  
14 farms, and other duties.  
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16 4. Q. Would you please summarize your educational background and work  
17 experience?

18 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology (1998) from Marietta  
19 College. I worked in the private industry as an oilfield geologist from May  
20 1998 to January 2000. I then began employment in January 2000 with the  
21 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Central Office - Division of  
22 Drinking and Ground Waters where I worked as a geologist in the

1 Underground Injection Control Unit for 21 years. I transferred to PUCO in  
2 January 2021 to work as a Utility Specialist. My responsibilities during this  
3 time have primarily involved review of Ohio Power Siting Board (Board)  
4 cases with focus on geology and hydrogeology.

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

8 A. Yes.

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

11 A. I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)  
12 where I was a Staff analyst for sections pertaining to geology, and  
13 roads/bridges/traffic. Specifically, I prepared conditions 4, 5, and 28.

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

16 A. Yes, conditions 4, 5, 28.

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18 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

## PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Jess Stottsberry**, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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