

September 23, 2021

Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 E Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Re: Marion County Solar Project LLC, OPSB Case No. 21-36 EL-BGN**

Ohio Power Siting Board,

POET LLC supports the proposed Marion County Solar Project, OPSB Case No. 21-36 EL-BGN. This 100 MW solar energy facility would neighbor our POET-Marion Bioprocessing facility and we share the common goal of converting renewable resources to energy.

As the world's largest producer of plant-based biofuels, POET's mission extends far beyond biofuels. Our mission is to be a good steward of the Earth by converting renewable resources to energy and other valuable goods as effectively as humanly possible. Solar energy is an important component of this. In fact, earlier this summer POET commissioned our first on-site solar farm to help power our company's corporate headquarters in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

POET is highly invested in Marion County and the surrounding area. We firmly believe Marion County residents will benefit from this project. Beyond giving the county an opportunity to add clean, renewable energy generation, this project will provide additional economic benefits to the community, including increasing the local tax base.

POET is a proud supporter of decarbonizing the United States energy sector, and would enthusiastically welcome the Marion County solar energy facility as a neighbor. Creating renewable energy from the sun is another way to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and cultivate a more sustainable future.

We hope that you will give this project your full consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Fox', is written over the printed name.

Rick Fox

General Manager

POET Bioprocessing – Marion

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