

November 1, 2021

Ms. Tanowa Troupe  
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 Birch Solar I, 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 Second Publication and Service of Procedural Schedule and Accepted, Complete Application**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-09(A)(2), Birch Solar I, LLC ("Applicant") published and served notice of the application and the procedural schedule for this matter. Attached please find a copy of the proof of the publication attesting that notice of the accepted, complete application was published in the *Wapakoneta Daily News* and *Lima News*, newspapers of general circulation in Auglaize and Allen Counties, Ohio on October 21, 2021, respectively. In addition, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-3-09(A)(2), written notice was also served on October 26, 2021.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christine M.T. Pirik

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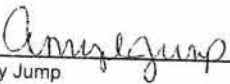
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, being duly sworn, says:

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

October 21, 2021

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

  
Amy Jump

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 21st day of October 2021.

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

My commission expires: August 14, 2023

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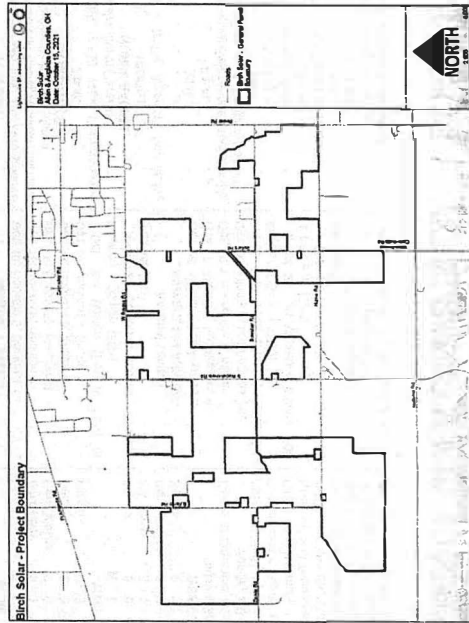
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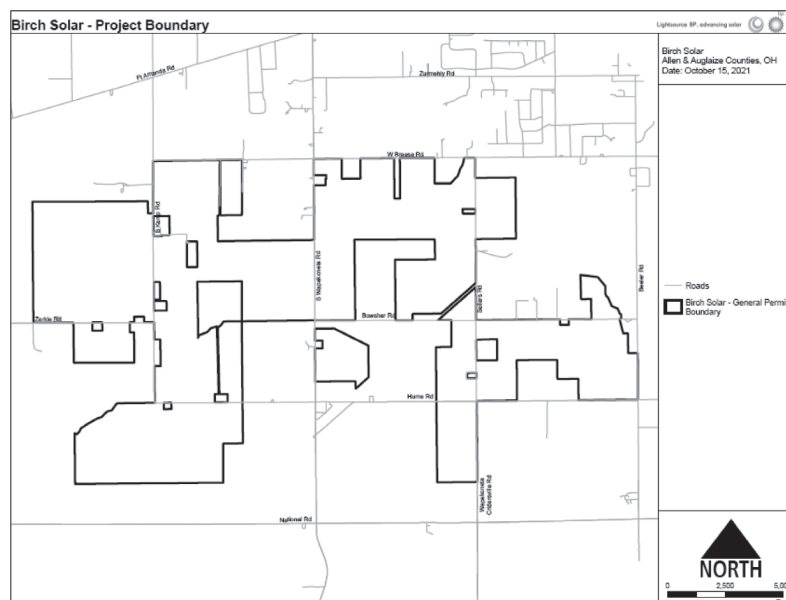
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Oct 21, 2021

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

SIGNED:

Diana Sleppy

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 21st day of Oct 2021

Teresa S. Ketring

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# Share your stories, photos for Veterans Day tribute

The Lima News

Our veterans are special to our community, and The Lima News is interested in hearing from our readers for its annual Veterans’ Day special publication.

We are seeking stories from people who are in active service as well as those who served in the past. We also welcome families to share their thoughts on what their loved one’s service meant to them.

We’d like to hear your thoughts on how you were changed by your military service. Were you on a certain career path that was interrupted? Did you make the military your career once you learned about it? Did your service open jobs to you after? Where did you serve, and would you have seen those other countries or places otherwise? Do you have any desire to return to any of the places you served? Where were some of your military friends from, and did their backgrounds differ a lot from yours? If you were changed by your service, were the changes positive or negative?

To participate, send your thoughts to:  
Dawn Kessinger at [dkessinger@limanews.com](mailto:dkessinger@limanews.com).  
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- Things to send:
- Your name, including when and where you served in the military.
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  - Your current age
  - Your address and phone numbers (not for publication)
  - Your story. We suggest around 500 words, but shorter or longer stories are welcome.

Letters must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. No more deadline extensions will be possible. The Lima News lobby is closed; please send items via email.

## POLICE CALLS

### LIMA POLICE

800 block of East Second Street, Lima — A theft was reported Tuesday.  
Allentown Road at North Woodlawn Avenue, Lima — A traffic accident with injury was investigated Tuesday.  
2400 block of Allentown Road, Lima — A theft was reported Tuesday.  
1200 block of East North Street, Lima — Police investigated the report of an assault on Tuesday.  
North Jameson Avenue at West High Street, Lima — A traffic accident with injury was investigated Tuesday.  
400 block of Albert Street, Lima — A domestic dispute was investigated Tuesday.  
100 block of East North Street, Lima — An assault was investigated Tuesday.  
900 block of North Cole Street, Lima — The destruction of property was reported Tuesday evening.  
1100 block of West Wayne Street, Lima — The destruction of property was reported Tuesday evening.  
South Charles Street at West Elm Street, Lima — A hit-and-run traffic accident was investigated early Wednesday.  
1300 block of Reservoir Road, Lima — The destruction of property was reported Wednesday morning.  
1500 block of Rice Avenue, Lima — A theft was reported Wednesday.  
1700 block of Leland Avenue, Lima — A theft was reported Wednesday.  
1800 block of Lowell Avenue, Lima — The theft of a motor vehicle was reported Wednesday.  
200 block of West Grand Avenue, Lima — A breaking-and-entering incident was investigated Wednesday.  
600 block of South Main Street, Lima — A theft was reported Wednesday.  
400 block of Nye Street, Lima — A hit-and-run traffic accident was investigated Wednesday.  
500 block of Calumet Avenue, Lima — A theft was reported Wednesday.

### ALLEN COUNTY SHERIFF

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Recovered	14,435	+86	Recovered	4,900	+21
Auglaize County			Van Wert County		
Cases	6,752	+22	Cases	3,682	+16
Deaths	97	0	Deaths	79	0
Recovered	6,031	+37	Recovered	3,265	+23
Hardin County			Ohio		
Cases	4,150	+20	Cases	1,507,676	+4,574
Deaths	78	0	Deaths	23,616	0
Recovered	3,697	+22	Recovered	1,393,333	+6,229

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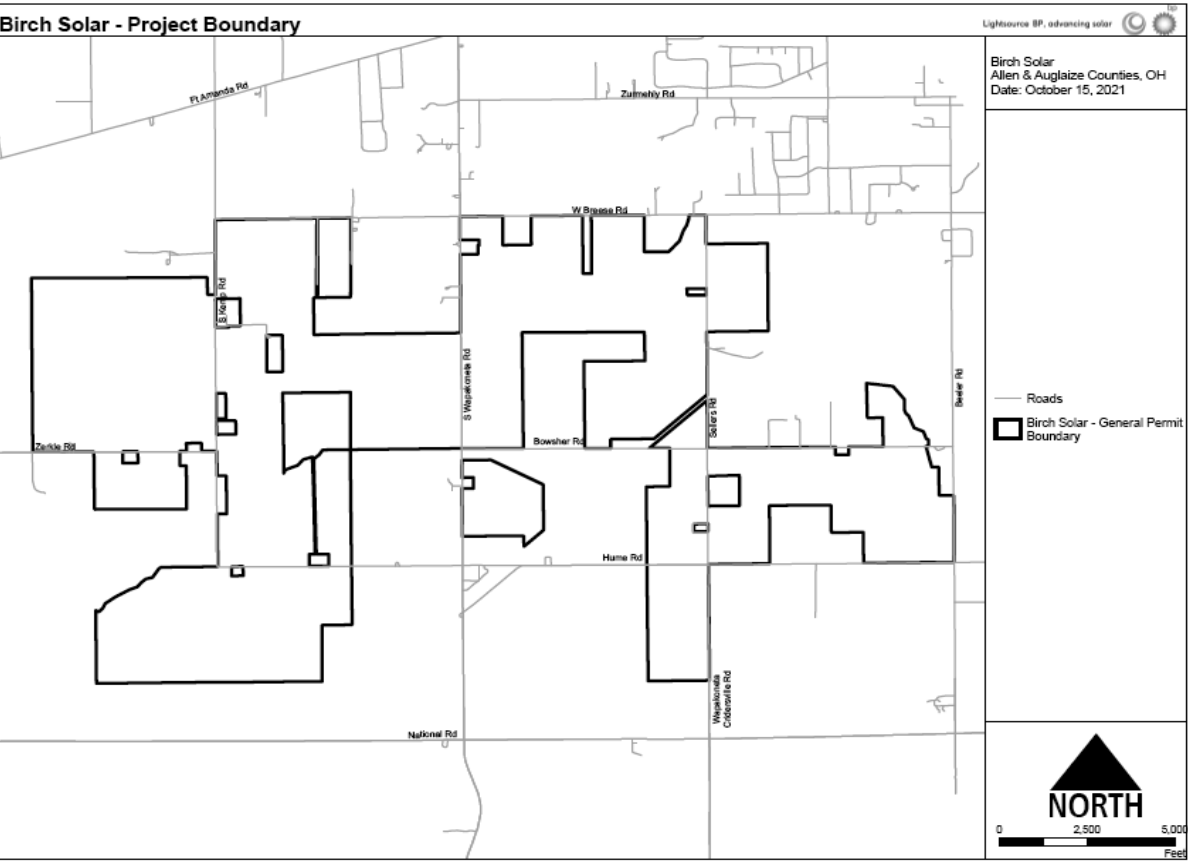
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