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RE: Public Hearing Lima OH Revision and amendment to official statement given by RJ Horwitz, Wapakoneta, OH.

I want to correct and amend my statement of material fact for the record as given at the Lima, OH OPSB Public Hearing open meeting on 11-04-2021 by myself, RJ Horwitz, in that my example of good stewardship was not the 1989 Exxon Valdez as I incorrectly cited, but, should be the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon wellhead blowout issue. BP has shown to be a good corporate steward and partner to the communities it operates in with a dedication to corporate responsibility and follow through. BP immediately took responsibility and lead to move into action to remediate the industrial disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and paid all costs then and ongoing. Very few corporations show ethics of public responsibility and leadership like BP demonstrated. I believe that to be the posture of BP going forward as a world Energy Provider, and as envisioned here with Birch Solar.

I would like to add that all the Birch Solar objections cited at the meeting were more triggered by emotion than factual. For the first time in recent history, the economics of solar due to convergence of various technologies have availed the solar technology to be economically viable. Environmental decommissioning concerns are unfounded for solar as there were concerns of recycling hazardous materials from the panels themselves or possible leaching of construction materials from panel sites and water contamination of shallow water wells. I pose the question as 'compared to what'? What are we really talking about?

I have never heard of an incident of a solar panel blowing up. I have experienced entire countries (October 2021) like my visit to Costa Rica betting on Ecotourism now in their 40<sup>th</sup> year and investing 100% on Solar and environmentally friendly sources of energy.

Nuclear and its costs, coal and its costs, hydro and its environmental impact on rivers and migration of entire aquatic sea run salmonids species? I know that solar and its technology doesn't pose an environmental generational threat and costs on all levels like radiation does. Think Three-mile Island, 1979, in PA, Seabrook Nuclear, 1990, in NH or Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power in Japan 2011 and still leaking radioactive isotopes into the air and Sea of Japan.

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Oil spills, and other issues; coal and its environmental impact from strip mining to airborne contaminants and then hydropower, which in New England have collapsed migratory populations of Salmon to almost unsustainable levels to recover from. This is to name a few technologies that have real, long sustaining issues. The rebuttal to this is panels that heat up the air or we don't see as many deer and fox in the fields or eagles and butterflies in the skies?

Let common sense and benign, clean technologies prevail. I urge the committee to move forward with these hearings and proceed to a positive outcome in favor of Solar. Please vote FOR the approval of the Birch Solar Project.

Respectfully yours,

*RJ Horwitz*

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