

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Tymochtee Solar, LLC for a Certificate	:	Case No. 21-0004-EL-BGN
of Environmental Compatibility and	:	
Public Need to Construct a Solar-	:	
Powered Electric Generation Facility in	:	
Wyandot County, Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Andrew Conway

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

STAFF EX. ____

November 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 the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was
22 filed in the docket of this case on October 8, 2021. I was the lead project

analyst on this case and coordinated the investigation and preparation of the Staff Report by OPSB Staff (Staff) in this case. In addition, as a signatory party, Staff supports the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation that was filed in the docket on November 9, 2021.

7. Q. What kind of case is this?

A. In this case, Tymochtee Solar, LLC proposes to develop, construct, own, and operate a 120 MW solar-powered electric generating facility located in Wyandot County, Ohio.

8. Q. Were you present at the local public hearing held at the Wyandot County Fairgrounds on October 26, 2021?

A. Yes.

9. Q. Do you believe that the Joint Stipulation and the Staff Report are complete and address the issues that were raised at the local public hearing?

A. Yes. At the local public hearing held on October 26, 2021, witnesses brought up, among other things, concerns related to vegetation management, aesthetics, drainage, potential flying debris, cultural resources, and local job benefits. The Joint Stipulation and Staff Report sufficiently address these concerns.

1 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

2 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
3 as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
4 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 November 2021.

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