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Administration/Docketing
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: South Branch Solar, LLC, Case No. 21-669-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") 4906-3-10(A), South Branch Solar, LLC files the attached Proof of Publication attesting to the first publication of the Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility as required by OAC 4906-3-09(A)(1) and Ohio Revised Code 4906.06(C). The notice was published in *The Courier* on November 12, 2021.

In addition, in accordance with OAC 4906-3-09(A)(1), written notice was also served on November 4, 2021.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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## The Courier

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#### DEAR HELOISE: My husband and I do a lot ...

... of international traveling. To be pre-pared for tips for our baggage handlers, bellhops, etc., we save our one dollar bills at least one month in advance. The majority of countries accept the Ameri-can dollar. This way we are prepared for tips.

Dear Heloise:

I am a recent widower. I am used to buying larger sizes of products for economic reasons. I file its cream and usually buy the half-gallon size. The trouble is that I don't seem to eat it fast enough, and it may sit in the freezer for an extended period of time. Sometimes ice cream develops a famry flavor or taste

over time.

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### **Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility**

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

South Branch Solar, LLC ("South Branch") proposes to construct and operate an up to 205 megawatt (MW) solar energy project in Washington Township, Hancock County, Ohio. The Facility will be located within approximately 1,000 acres of private land in Washington Township, Hancock County, Ohio. The Facility will be located within approximately 1,000 acres of private land in Washington Township, Hancock County ("the Project Ares"). The Facility will located for photovolate (PV) panels, along with access roads, electric collection lines, a collection substation, a laydown area for construction staging, an operation and maintenance (OSM) building and priparometers. The energy generated of the Facility will be delivered to the P3M regional electricity market. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin no sooner than the foundation of the project is anticipated to begin no sooner than the foundation of the project is anticipated to begin no sooner than the foundation of the project is anticipated to begin no sooner than the foundations.

#### LOCATION AND GENERAL LAYOUT



#### APPLICATION NOW PENDING

South Branch has an Application pending before the Ohio Power Stining Board ("Board"). The assigned do for the Application is Case No. 21-669-EL-BGN, and copies of all fillings in the case can be located at the Boo at (<a href="https://www.opib.obio.gov">https://www.opib.obio.gov</a>) by scrolling down to "Pending Cases" and selecting the case by name or door To view the fillings, click the case number for the case record.

#### PURLIC OFFICIALS SERVED WITH COPIES OF THE APPLICATION

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The following public officials were each served with a copy of the Application: Timody K. Bekolol, Michael W. Pepple,
and William L. Bateson, Board of County Commissioners; Douglas E. Cade, P.E. P.S. Hancock County Engineer, Linda
Tutle, Calar, Soil & Waler Conservation District; Matt Gordonier, Regional Planning Commission; and Dennis Holman,
Richard Noel, and John Grossman, Washington Township Trustees. A copy of the Application is also available for public
impection at the Timolay-Hancock County Public Library. 206 Broadway Sureer, Endally, Ort 483-80-6038.

#### OHIO POWER SITING BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

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Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") 4096.10(A), the Board shall not grant a certificate for the countruction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Board, unless it finds and determines and the state of the probable service of the probable environmental impact; (a) That the facility represents the maintenance environmental impact, considering the state of available betchoolgy and the nature and economies of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations; (4) In the case of an electric transmission line, that the facility is consistent with regional plants of expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this taste and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (5) That the facility will comply with and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (5) That the facility will comply with and maintenance of the electric power and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 150.13, 150.13, and 456i.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under R. c. 4561.34 (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as gricultural land and plant in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 299 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and internative site of the proposed engine utility facility; rules adopted to evaluate impact of the various administration, and the same site of the proposed report within the site and internative site and (6) That the facility incorporate maximum feasible water con

#### STATEMENT PURSUANT TO R.C. 4906.07

Upon the receipt of an application complying with R. C. 4906.06, the Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable. The public hearing for this case shall consist of two parts and will be held as follows:

#### A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), at which the Board shall accept oral testimony from any person, on January 26, 2022, in a session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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The data plotic hearing in this matter shall be held in person on January 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Findlay Elist Lodge #75, 900 Vest Metroes Avenue, Findlay, OH 48540. Consistent with CDC Guidelines and the May 17, 2021 Ohio Department of Health Order, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a face covering and socially distance. Please contact the legal department of 41-46-68-481 oak any questions or request accommodations related to health protocols. For those individuals interested in testifying at the in-person local public hearing, a significant with the varieties to testify. If radividuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Boards consideration, a copy of the document should be provided to the ALJ during the local public hearing. Testimony to be provided will be limited to five minutes in dutation.

2. An evidentiary hearing commencing on February 14, 2022, at 10:00 am. and shall be conducted via remote access

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Public comments can be provided in writing on the Board's website at <a href="https://opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.portal/gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/opsb.ohio.gov/wpp.gov/opsb.ohio.go

#### STATEMENT OF R.C. 4906.08(C)

oard shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examin ses shall be reserved for parties. However, the Board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevan

Festimons: Petitions to intervene in the evidentiary hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and OAC 49063-09, or December 17, 2021, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who with to intervene in the evidentiary hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should-strongly be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siling Board, 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 23215-39793 and clac Saw Oz. 16-09-EL-BON.

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Summary: Text South Branch Solar, LLC's Proof of First Publication electronically filed by Ms. Megan Zemke on behalf of Borchers, Dylan F