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Ms. Tanowa Troupe
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Cepheus Energy Project, LLC, Case No 21-293-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

As required by Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") 4906-3-10(B), I am attaching for filing in the above-referenced matter proof of the publication of the second Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility. (Attachment 1). The second notice appeared in the following newspapers:

- *Harrison News-Herald* on December 4, 2021; and
- *The Crescent News* on December 7, 2021.

Also attached in compliance with OAC 4906-3-09(B)(2) is a copy of the notice mailed to the property owners on December 9, 2021 (Attachment 2).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dylan F. Borchers

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1

The Ethical Bean, LLC.
Harrison News-Herald
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Date: 12/8/21

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Invoice and Affidavit
of Publication

Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility - Cepheus Energy
Published: Harrison News-Herald 12-4-2021

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THE STATE OF OHIO
HARRISON COUNTY, S.S.

I, Bonnie S. H. Rutledge, verify by oath that the notice hereunto
published in the Harrison News-Herald, a newspaper published of
general circulation in said county and meeting the requirements

Section 7.12 Revised Code for 1 weeks

commencing on the 4 day of Dec, 2021

and that I am the Publisher and Legal Notices Clerk of said newspaper.

Bonnie Rutledge
Bonnie S. H. Rutledge, Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 9 day of December,
2021.



BEVERLY TERRY
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires

February 1, 2026
Beverly Terry

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Please Remit & Make Payable to: The Ethical Bean, LLC

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CORRESPONDENCE

DEERSVILLE

By Susan Adams

Thank you to all the folks who came to the "Surviving the Holidays" seminar at the Deersville UM Church on Nov. 23. It is hoped that the information shared will bring you comfort and that there are tidbits that you will be able to use to help you through the upcoming holidays and other events.

"Thank you to the choir for their special music, 'Oh, Come Emanuel,' that they performed on Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Deersville church.

On Saturday, Dec. 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Santa Claus is coming to the Deersville Community Fire Department. There will be free pictures with Santa. Cookies and milk will be served, and children will receive a goodie bag — sounds like lots of fun to me!

On Thursday, Dec. 9 at 4 p.m., the Deersville Community Garden Club will be holding their Christmas meeting at the home of hostess Lorraine Gladman with Rebecca Gladman as co-hostess. The group will have a covered dish dinner. Instead of a gift exchange, a \$5 donation will be collected for the scholarship fund. Members will exchange Christmas cards.

The Deersville Community Choir will be having a Christmas program, "Child of Christmas," on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Deersville UM Church. It always amazes me what a joyful noise this choir makes and how it sounds like there are more people than one can see — always a blessing.

With the holiday seasons coming up, please remember all those folks who have lost loved ones, the shut-ins, the ones who are sick or are on the recovery list. This time of year can be hard on folks as they face difficulties. A short phone call or a card means a lot.

FLUSHING

By Judy Holmes

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving! Now the preparations begin for Christmas.

Come join the Victoria's Book Lovers Book Club; it's open to everyone. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. and discuss the current book we read. This could be your cure for the winter blues. It is always good to "WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK" and what better way than to join friends and discuss it. We hope you will join us. This month we meet on Dec. 21 at 12:30 p.m. We are reading "Mr. Miracle" by US Today bestselling author Debbie Macomber. Stop in and see Shari at the Victoria Read Public Library or call 740-968-3891 for more information. We are always looking for new members.

Interested in signing up your child for Cub Scouts? A group is trying to form in Flushing at the United Methodist Church. Call 304-277-2660 or sign up online at BeAScout.org.

I was surprised to learn that because I had the gold and white license plate on my car, I was required to purchase a replacement license plate when renewed. That cost an extra \$10. The plate I had was perfectly fine. You could read it without any problem.

FREEPORT

By Deb Milligan

Kurt and Laura Peters, owners of Deersville General Store, announced that the store will be open all winter. Their hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., where you can go to get a variety of items, including food to eat in or carry out.

Clark Memorial Branch Library in Freeport is spreading Christmas cheer. Each Tuesday and Thursday in December from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. We want to help spread some Christmas cheer. Bring your addresses and stamps to fill mailboxes with holiday messages. Christmas cards will be provided by Friends of the Library. Then each Tuesday in December, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., they will build Pop-Tart gingerbread houses (by appointment only, call 1-740-673-0800).

On Nov. 27, the people met at the church for "Hanging of the Greens" at the Freeport United Methodist Church.

I hope all the deer hunters were safe and got a deer!

Happy birthday-Gloria Allen, Sharon Jones, Bob McCommemery, Angela Smith, Janet Fenstermaker, Jim Ricketts, and Robin Spears.

The community extends its sympathy to the family of Larry "Wellsie" Well of Birmingham Road, Freeport. He was a 1962 graduate of Lakeland High School.

The community extends its sympathy to Mrs. Clint (Kelly) Puskarch on the loss of her father, Ralph Fisher.

Members of the Freeport United Methodist Church will have lunch following the worship service. They will also prepare and deliver fruit baskets at 2 p.m. and go Christmas caroling after. Everyone is welcome.

Keep in your prayers: Ollie Worley, Shirley Dunlap, Crystal Yontz, Theresa Tidrick, Dana Clendenning, Pam Biddlestone, Harold and Mary Howes, Charlie Gardner Sr., Larry Wells Family, Janet Butler, Ron Rosenberry, along with those in the nursing homes.

HOLLOWAY

By Susan Adams

The Holloway Holiday Committee will be having the second annual "Light up the Town" home Christmas decorating contest through Dec. 18. Residents are asked to light up their homes. Lights need to be turned on by 7 p.m. on Dec. 18; a judge (from out of town) will drive around the village that evening to choose winners. The winners will be announced on Monday, Dec. 20. There will be four winners: 1st place gets a \$50 gift card from Applebee's and a \$25 gift card from Marathon; 2nd place receives a gift certificate from the Holloway VFD Activities Committee for four complete dinners at the next fry in the spring; 3rd place gets a holiday package from the beautiful Methodist church, including a Christmas ornament and a few other goodies; and 4th place gets a \$25 gift card from Marathon. Please take up this challenge and make the town merry and bright!

The Holloway Holiday Committee has

been working to make our Holloway holiday season merry and bright for our community. We are excited to announce that Santa Claus has confirmed that he will visit us on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. at the fire hall (fish fry building). Following Santa's visit, they will light the town Christmas Tree. Adults, as well as kids, are encouraged to attend. Christmas is for everyone! The Christmas tree decorating will be at 5:45 p.m. and the lighting at 6 p.m. Children should bring the ornaments they made, and everyone is welcome to bring an ornament that they already have to add their personal touch to the town Christmas tree.

Kids: Write your letter to Santa, bring them to the Holloway fire hall, and place them in the special delivery mailbox located outside the fireman's hall so you can send your letter in time for Christmas.

The Holloway UM Church will be selling poinsettias to honor loved ones for \$10. They went on sale during the last week of November and will decorate the church. Orders finish on Dec. 4. Folks can take their poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service. If anyone is interested in purchasing a poinsettia message, Ruth Robertson on Facebook or call her after 5 p.m. at 740-968-4264.

HOPEDALE

By J.P. Wilson

Hello, everybody, I hope you are doing well. With the first snow sighting in Hopedale, we welcome the village Christmas tree down by the post office. Thanks to the members of the Hopedale Youth Group for getting it up. The tree will be lit soon. Anybody wishing to stop by and add an ornament or two is encouraged to do so. The Youth Group is also looking at caroling around town on the 22nd. I had fun doing this before; anybody interested in joining can reach out to Jenny Dulkoski or Rob or Stacey Raber. They post updates on their Facebook pages, and I will also put

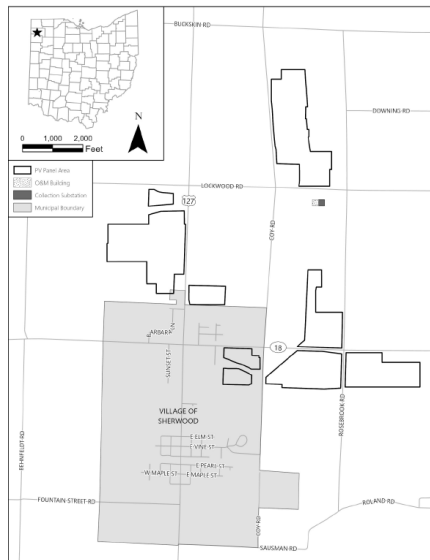
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Defiance Crescent-News

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COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

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RE:CEPHEUS ENERGY

Affidavit of Publication
The State of Ohio
Defiance County

Before, the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State,
duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer
oaths, personally appeared Judy Dumire, Who being first duly
sworn, deposes and says: that she is the Agent of The Crescent-News,
published, issued and entered as second class mail in the city of Defiance:
that she is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement:
that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of
which is shown here to, was published in The Crescent-News on the
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Signature of sworn person above

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12/07/21.

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More C-N Bingo Contest winners announced



Randy Mitchell/C-N Photo

Anna Case of Wauseon was the winner of a one-year subscription to The Crescent-News, valued at \$162, in the C-N's Holiday Bingo Contest. Shown with Case (right) is C-N advertising representative Shelby Carlisle.



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Madalyn Dietrich of Ney was the winner of the first \$50 gift certificate from Magic Tunnel Car Wash, Defiance, in The Crescent-News Holiday Bingo Contest. Dietrich was presented her prize by Mike Suman of Magic Tunnel.



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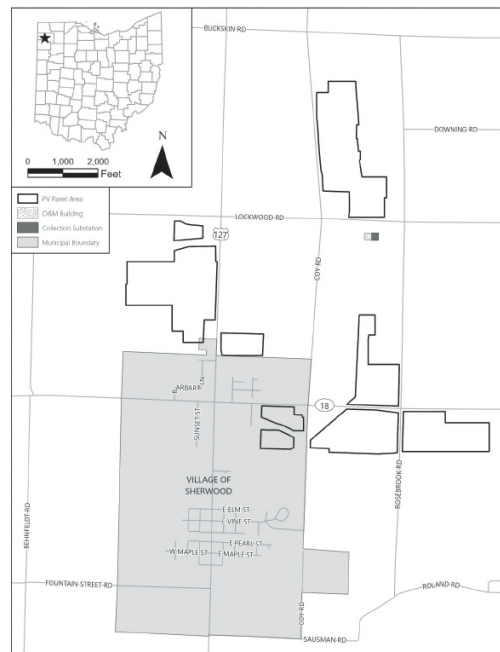
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Proposed bill aimed at recruiting, retaining Ohio students

COLUMBUS (AP) — Graduates of any Ohio college, public or private, who take a full-time job in the state would be exempt from state income tax for up to three years, under legislation proposed Monday by a Republican lawmaker with an aim of recruiting and retaining Ohio college students.

Businesses that offer paid college internships would receive a tax break, the state would offer up to 100 merit-based scholarships of \$25,000 to out-of-state students, and more money would be added to Ohio's college grant fund for students with associate degrees pursuing a bachelor's, according to the plan from Rep. Jon Cross of Kenton.

Students would have to be in the top 5% of their graduating class and pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math to receive the out-of-state scholarships.

The goal "is to incentivize Ohio's younger population to live, learn, work and prosper in Ohio vs. leaving the state after graduation," said Cross, chairperson of the House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Cross didn't have a price tag for the measure, but said its cost had to be weighed against the potential revenue gain of people staying in the state or coming to Ohio as a result of the incentives. Cross noted that at one time, Ohio had 24 congressional districts, but because of population shifts in other parts of the country it's down to 15. His legislation should put the state in position to return to 24, he said.

That could be a heavy lift: the states that have gained House seats in recent years — including Texas, Florida and Colorado — have also experienced strong population growth, while Ohio, with about 11.8 million people, has experienced only minimal growth.

Cross was joined by several university presidents at Monday's announcement, including the leaders of Ohio State, Bowling Green State University, the University of Cincinnati, Marietta College, and Ursuline College in suburban Cleveland.

Twenty-six percent of students at the University of Findlay are from out of state, and 62% of the school's alumni work in Ohio, said Findlay president Katherine Fell.

"We would like that to be a larger percentage, and with this bill we believe that will happen," she said.



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December 9, 2021

Via First Class U.S. Mail

Re: Cepheus Energy Project, LLC, Case No 21-0293-EL-BGN

Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a Solar Facility Located in Delaware Township and the Village of Sherwood, Defiance County, Ohio

Dear) Property Owners of Land Leased for the Solar Project:
) Tenants of Land Leased for the Solar Project:
) Property Owners of Land Next to Land Leased for the Solar Project:
) Tenants of Land Next to Land Leased for the Solar Project:

Introduction

As the attorney representing Cepheus Energy Project, LLC ("Cepheus Energy") before the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board"), I am sending this letter as required by Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1). This letter is being sent to all abutting property owners and tenants to the project area of the proposed Cepheus Energy project located in Delaware Township and the Village of Sherwood, Defiance County, Ohio.

You are receiving this letter because your property is contiguous to the planned project area. OAC Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) requires the applicant to notify all property owners and affected tenants contiguous to the planned project area.

Because we may not have a list of tenants, I request that property owners who have leased land for the electric generating facility and who have tenants on the leased or optioned land share this letter with them or contact me with the tenant names and addresses so that I can send them information.

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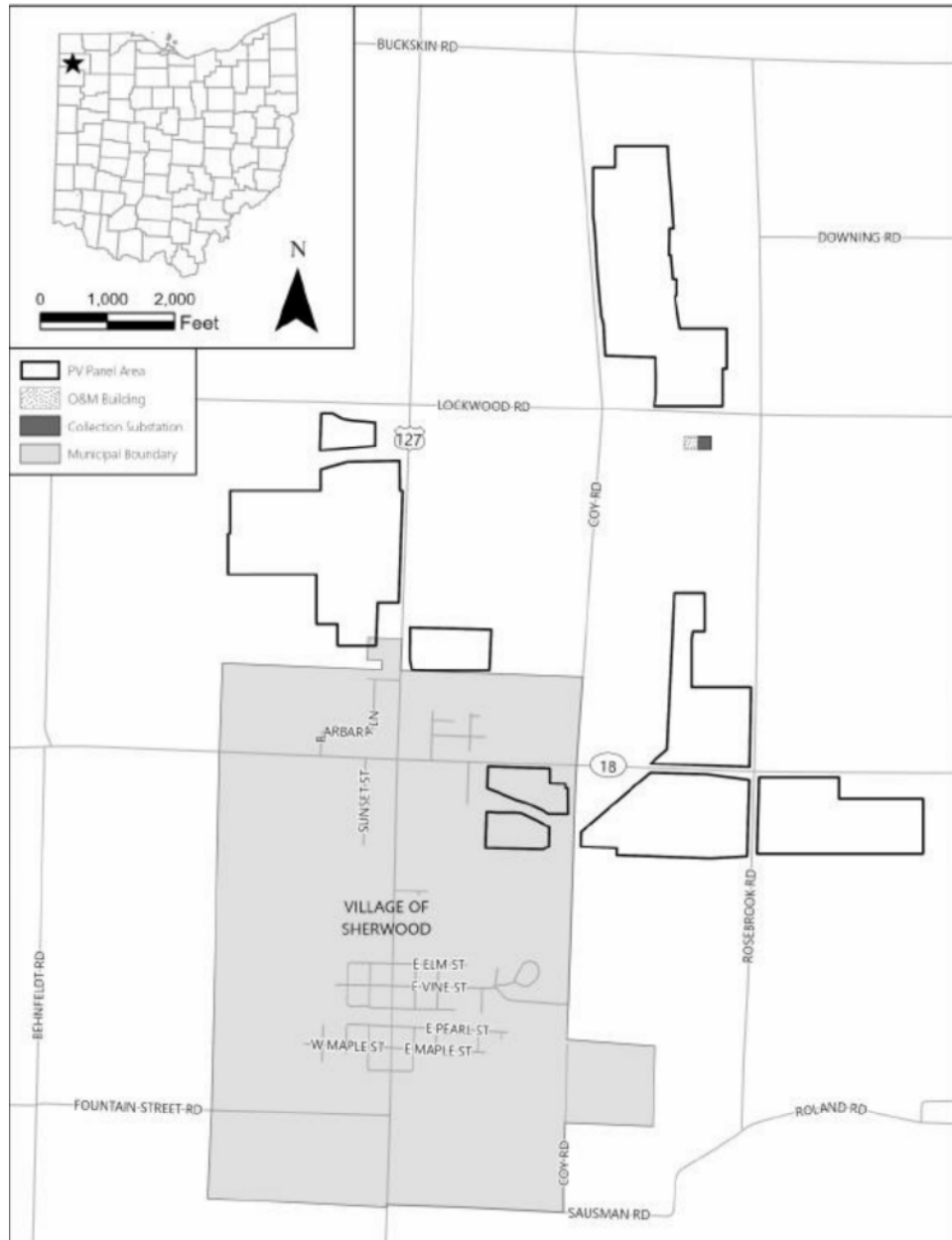
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Conclusion

We expect that the Board will conclude, as we believe, that Cepheus will benefit the community and the region. If you have any questions, you may contact Cliff Scher of Cepheus Energy Project, LLC at (917) 921-4473 or cliff.scher@lightsourcebp.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'KH', is written over a series of horizontal lines.

Kara H. Herrnstein

Dylan F. Borchers

Counsel for Cepheus Energy Project, LLC

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