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Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

Case: 150 MW Wild Grains Solar

Case Number: 21-0823-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Borchers and Ms. Herrnstein:

This letter is to inform you that the above referenced application, filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) on November 16, 2021 along with Wild Grains Solar, LLC's data request responses, has been found to comply with Chapters 4906-01, et seq., of the Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio Adm.Code). This means the Board's staff (Staff) has received sufficient information to begin its review of this application. During the course of its investigation, the Staff may request additional information to ensure Staff can continue to conduct its review of the application, including but not limited to:

- A memorandum of understanding or Phase II surveys coordinated with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) concerning National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) potentially eligible archaeological sites.
- In accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4906-4-08(D)(4)(a) - A viewshed analysis excluding deciduous vegetation, agricultural crops, or other seasonal land cover as viewing obstacles.
- A narrative on how the project proposes to establish and maintain pollinator habitat in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative, as recommended in the technical assistance letter issued by the ODNR and mapping (in the form of PDF and KMZ) of the areas where pollinator habitat would be established and maintained.

Pursuant to Board rules, the certified application and supplements must now be filed with the Board in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Adm.Code Rules 4906-3-06 and 4906-3-07. In summary form, these rules require:

1. Serving copies of the certified application upon appropriate government officials and public agencies. In this regard, please inform these officials in writing that if they wish to intervene in the proceedings, they must file a notice of intervention with the Board within thirty days of being served a copy of the application.



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Director, Ohio Development Services Agency
Director, Ohio Department of Health
Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture
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2. Filing Proof of Service with the Board.

Upon completion of these requirements, you will be notified of the effective date of filing and the date and details of the public hearing.

Please be informed that under Section 4906.04 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.), the applicant shall not commence to construct any portion of the facility prior to obtaining a certificate from the Board.

Also be informed that to assist your company in meeting the provisions of Ohio Power Siting Board rules, the Board will serve as a clearinghouse for the distribution to and service of the application and supplements upon the following state agencies:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Ohio Department of Agriculture
Ohio Development Services Agency
Ohio Department of Health
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ohio Department of Transportation
Ohio Historical Society

Upon filing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(F) and Ohio Adm.Code Rule 4906-3-12, the amount of \$75,000 is an application fee.

You will receive an invoice from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Finance Department.

Payment of the application fee is due within 30 days.

Please file proof of payment in the docket.

Depending on the complexity of the staff investigation, the application fee may not cover all costs associated with this case. Additional invoicing may be necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (866) 270-6772 or Mark Bellamy via mark.bellamy@puco.ohio.gov or at (614) 981-2202.

Sincerely,



Power Siting Board

Mike DeWine, Governor
Jenifer French, Chair

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Theresa White
Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

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by Mr. Andrew S Conway on behalf of Staff of OPSB