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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

Re Case: 21-0960-EL-BGN

March 7, 2022

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in opposition to the Chipmunk Solar project (Case #21-0960-EL-BGN). Specifically, I would like to bring attention to Application Exhibit E (Drain Tile Maintenance Plan) filed on March 3, 2022.

Our family has spent well over \$500,000 in the past 40 years on systemized drainage tile. The Chipmunk proposal puts this investment is at risk.

The application states that Chipmunk is collecting drainage tile location information from **Project Area landowners** to be used in their drainage plan. Chipmunk does not mention collecting this information from adjacent property owners. The application does state, "This plan will include mitigation to prevent impacts to neighboring properties." But in the next sentence, the application says, that "Chipmunk Solar will make **commercially reasonable** efforts to avoid impacts... **within the Project Area.**" No word about neighboring properties. And then, "**Chipmunk Solar** will assess the damage."

Chipmunk proposes that it is their prerogative to:

- create a drainage plan without information from neighboring properties
- determine if their construction has negatively affected drainage systems
- set the bar for "commercially reasonable efforts to avoid impacts"
- assess the damage
- choose how to repair the damage.

According to the Chipmunk Application the company makes all decisions about drainage. We need a neutral, local party to oversee the issue. The Pickaway County Soil and Water Conservation District might serve or be able to suggest a solution.

My fear is that fixing the damage to our drainage system will be at our own expense even after paying for costly litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Barnes

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