

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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| In the Matter of the Application of | : | |
| Fox Squirrel Solar, LLC for an | : | |
| Amendment to its Certificate of | : | |
| Environmental Compatibility and Public | : | Case No. 21-1031-EL-BGA |
| Need for a Solar Facility Located in | : | |
| Madison County, Ohio. | : | |

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Grant Zeto

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

STAFF EX. __

April 5, 2022

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Grant Zeto, and my business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3 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 Public Utilities Administrator 2 within the Power Siting Department.

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9 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

10 A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environment and Natural
11 Resources from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

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13 I have been employed by the PUCO since August 2011. My responsibilities
14 during this time have primarily involved review of Ohio Power Siting Board
15 (Board) cases and Staff management.

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17 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board?

18 A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.

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20 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

21 A. I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted
22 in the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed January 3,

2022, in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff Report in this case. In addition, as a signatory party, Staff supports the Joint Stipulation that was filed in this docket on April 4, 2022.

6. Q. What kind of case is this?

A. This case proposes an amendment to the original certificate, which was approved by the Board on April 4, 2019 in case 18-1024-EL-BGN. The Applicant proposes to develop, construct, and operate a 577 MW solar-powered electric generation facility to be located in Madison County, Ohio.

7. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information from the Applicant, the public, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a Staff Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff recommends that the Board approve amendment to the application, subject to the seven additional conditions that are presented in the Stipulation.

1 8. Q. What impacts did Staff review for the project in arriving at this conclusion?

2 A. Staff reviewed various types of land use impacts including residential,
3 recreational, institutional, ecological, cultural resources, agricultural, and
4 overall geological suitability. Staff also reviewed the financial, noise,
5 safety, and aesthetic impacts of the project.

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7 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

8 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
9 as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
10 positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Grant Zeto**, 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 5th day of April, 2022.

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