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Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: Wild Grains Solar, LLC
OPSB Case No. 21-823-EL-BGN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") 4906-3-10(B), Wild Grains Solar, LLC files the attached Proof of Publication attesting to the second publication of the Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility as required by OAC 4906-3-09(A)(2). The notice was published in *The Times Bulletin* on April 20, 2022.

In addition, in accordance with OAC 4906-3-09(A)(2), the second written notice to those persons that received the initial notice was also sent on April 13, 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kara H. Herrnstein

Attachment

AFFP

Notice of Public Hearing-

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF OHIO }
COUNTY OF VAN WERT } SS

The undersigned, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Representative of the The Times Bulletin, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

April 20, 2022

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Kelli Metzger
Representative

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 20th day of April 2022.

Kelli Metzger

Kelli Metzger, Notary Public, Van Wert County, Ohio

My commission expires: October 19, 2024

KELLI METZGER
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 19, 2024

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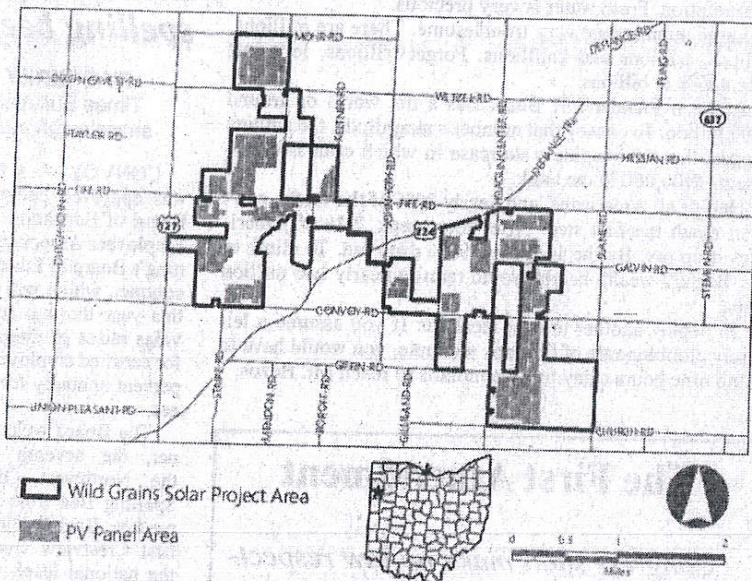
Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Wild Grains Solar, LLC ("Wild Grains") proposes to construct and operate an up to 150 megawatt (MW) solar energy project in Hoaglin Township, Van Wert County, Ohio. The Facility will be located within approximately an up to 2,312 acres of private land in Hoaglin Township, Van Wert County ("the Project Area"). The Facility will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels, along with access roads, electric collection lines, a collection substation, a short generation interconnection (gen-tie) line, a laydown area for construction staging, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, and pyranometers. The energy generated at the Facility will be delivered to American Electric Power's existing 345 kilovolt Maddox Creek substation, which is located adjacent to the western section of the Facility. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin no sooner than third quarter of 2022.

LOCATION AND GENERAL LAYOUT

The general location and planned project layout of Wild Grains is shown on the map below:



APPLICATION NOW PENDING

Wild Grains has an Application pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. The assigned docket number for the Application is Case No. 21-823-EL-BGN, and copies of all filings in the case can be located at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=21-823&cx=0&y=0>.

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for this case shall consist of two parts and will be held in-person:

1. A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on May 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the EMR Room of the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

The local public hearing in this matter shall be held on May 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the EMR Room of the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891. For those individuals interested in testifying at the local public hearing, a sign-in sheet will be available at the venue and witnesses will be taken in the order in which they sign up to testify; testimony should be limited to five minutes in duration. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Board's consideration, a copy of the document should be provided to the ALJ before the end of the local public hearing. Further, all individuals should adhere to any pandemic measures put in place by the Van Wert County Fairgrounds. In this regard, Applicant should contact local health and safety authorities regarding the local public hearing to ensure the health and safety of all in attendance at this event.

2. An evidentiary hearing commencing on May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is for Applicant, Staff, and any intervenors to provide evidence regarding the application.

The evidentiary hearing will commence on May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), Hearing Room 11-C, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. To participate in the hearing, parties and observers should register at the lobby desk and proceed to the 11th floor. Any accommodations necessary to ensure the availability of social distancing and plexiglass dividers should be made in advance of the hearing. As pandemic restrictions continue to evolve, additional instructions regarding further safety requirements or accommodations for the hearing room will either be posted on the Commission/Board website or communicated to the parties.

Attendees at the local public hearing and the evidentiary hearing should follow the most recent CDC and/or local health authority guidelines. Please contact the legal department at 614-466-6843 to ask any questions or request accommodations related to health protocols.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED FACILITY

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed facility. As noted above, the local public hearing will be held on May 3, 2022 in a session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLICATION OF INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

An initial public notice regarding the proposed facility, rescheduling the local public hearing, and adjudicatory hearing was published in *The Times Bulletin* on March 6, 2022.

April 20, 2022

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Orahood on behalf of Herrnstein, Kara