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Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
Docketing Division  
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**Re: Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN** - In the Matter of the Application of Birch Solar 1, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Allen and Auglaize Counties, Ohio.

**Sixth Supplement to Application – Community Requested Revegetation Plan**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

On February 12, 2021, as supplemented, Birch Solar 1, LLC (“Applicant”) filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”) for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a solar-powered electric generation facility in Allen and Auglaize Counties, Ohio (“Application”).

The purpose of this Sixth Supplement to the Application is to submit the attached Revegetation Plan that the Applicant committed to as part of its Application in this matter after working with members of the local community.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Birch Solar Project

### Landscape and revegetation goals

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As stated in the Birch Solar Project (Project) application, Lightsource bp (the Applicant), is planning to allow for grazing within the Project Area of the Project. Grazing allows for continued agricultural use of the Project Area, creates additional agricultural economic opportunity, and allows for a naturally forming ecosystem while decreasing the need for additional mowing.

In order to allow for grazing, as well as benefit from a more diverse ecosystem created under panels and with the Project Area, the Project has established the following goals with input from additional stakeholders including the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society (the Allen/Auglaize local Audubon Chapter), the American Solar Grazing Association, Allen and Auglaize Coalition for Reasonable Energy and Agri-Voltaic Solutions, LLC.

1. Curate a site re-vegetation plan with input from stakeholder such as American Solar Grazing Association, regional ecologists, agricultural stakeholders including the Ohio State University Extension Service and/or USDA-NRCS-Ohio, Farm Bureau and the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society.
2. The site re-vegetation plan has two focused areas, the areas inside the solar facility fences (Facility Area) and the perimeter areas that include the screening plantings (Project Area).
3. Develop a solar site re-vegetation seed mix that prioritizes native plants to increase ecosystem services. Balance expectations that the vegetation will be nutritious and non-toxic for sheep, provide wildlife habitat, as well as meet height requirements for the safe and efficient operation of the solar project.
4. For the screening plantings and perimeter, regional seed suppliers and plant nurseries will be consulted and native plants given preference in the supply of plant materials for the site re-vegetation plan. The re-vegetation plan will contain a ratio of at least 70:30, native plants to nonnative plants in these plantings. Regional ecotypes will be used if available.
5. In all cases the Birch Solar Project will commit to not purchasing listed noxious or invasive species as listed by the State of Ohio's Invasive Plants Council.  
The Birch Solar Project will develop an invasive species prevention and management plan for the duration of the facility life.
6. LSbp will commit to retaining a regional ecologist/ and/or ecological services firm to monitor for these species.

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