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I have attached three letters from the Shawnee Township Trustees. Please file accordingly. Thank you,

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In regards to the Birch Solar project in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio

As Chairman of the Shawnee Township Board of Trustees, and a resident and business owner in Shawnee Township, I oppose the large-scale solar project proposed by Lightsource BP in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio. Projects of this size are not suitable for areas abutting residential properties in any jurisdiction. Uncertainties of the future consequences on land quality, contamination of land, contamination of water run-off, hazards to humans, flora and fauna hazards and the decline in value of contiguous properties or the surrounding areas have not been studied or addressed to a point that the facts prove the above-mentioned items will not become problematic for future generations. The destruction and maintenance of roadways, road right-of-way and infrastructures during the project, and the cost to resolve any deterioration should not fall upon the taxpayers of our community. Forcing agreements, buying supporters and the lack of truthful communications with public officials can only be identified as immoral business practices based solely on company profits with no regard to the welfare of our community or our residents.

I, Clark Spieles, oppose the Birch Solar project in Shawnee Township.

Clark A. Spieles 04-29-22

Clark A. Spieles, Chairman of the Board

Shawnee Township Board of Trustees.

In reference to the proposed Birch Solar Project in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio:

I, Russell Holly Shawnee resident and Shawnee Township Trustee, am writing a letter in opposition to the proposed project. I am not opposed to the idea of Green energy, I am opposed to the location, method of advancement of said project, and impact on residents and local environs, without regard for their wishes and objections. If not for an updated substation and location of transmission lines, this project would not have come here. There are also concerns for drainage, roadway damage, esthetics, property values and all-around effect on the surrounding area. Which brings up questions of overall cost versus benefit. This being the utmost concern over the long run of; is it worth the risk and benefit, when in the end we don't control the future, but make decisions which affect us for perpetuity. Again, I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell E. Holly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Respectfully,".

Russell E. Holly

Shawnee Township Board of Trustees

In regards to the Birch Solar Project in Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio

I, Ted Ciminillo Shawnee Township Trustee and Shawnee resident, am writing this letter in opposition to the Solar Project proposed by Birch Solar. The damage to the infrastructure including roads and drainage along with the decrease in property value are major concerns. Residents in close proximity to the proposed site are concerned about the negative aesthetic effects of the project. The unknown regarding future consequences of land and water contamination as well as environmental issues are realistic matters. The questionable practices in the distribution of information to residents of Shawnee Township and poor communication with public officials lends itself to a lack of integrity by Birch Solar.

I, Ted Ciminillo, oppose the Birch Solar Project in Shawnee Township.

Respectfully,

Ted Ciminillo 5/4/2022

Ted Ciminillo

Shawnee Township Board of Trustees

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