

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Birch :
Solar 1, LLC for a Certificate of : Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public :
Need. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Matthew Butler

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

STAFF EX. ____

May 11, 2022

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

2 A. My name is Matthew Butler, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 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 Program Administrator in the Power Siting Department.
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9 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

10 A. I received a B.A. in history from The Ohio State University. I have been
11 employed by the PUCO since 2000 in the Office of Public Affairs, the
12 Energy and Environment Department, the Rates and Analysis Department,
13 and the Power Siting Department.
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15 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board
16 (Board)?

17 A. Yes. I have testified in prior proceedings before the Board on behalf of
18 Board staff (Staff).
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20 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

21 A. I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)
22 that was filed in the docket of this case on October 20, 2021. Specifically, I

1 am sponsoring the Staff Report subsections titled “Public Interaction” and
2 “Public Comments.”
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4 6. Q. Are you responsible for any conditions in the Staff Report? If so, which
5 ones?

6 A. Yes. I am responsible for condition 27.
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8 7. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Matthew Butler, 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 11th day of May 2022.

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