

**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 :
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Eric Morrison**

**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 Eric Morrison, 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 (Commission) as
7 a Utilities Specialist 1 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 Specialized Studies Degree in Civil Engineering and
11 Business from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

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13 I have been employed by the PUCO since March 2017. My responsibilities
14 during this time have primarily involved review of Power Siting cases.

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16 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board?

17 A. Yes.

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

20 A. I am sponsoring portions of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)
21 that was filed on October 20, 2021 where I was a staff analyst. Specifically,

1 I was a staff analyst for portions of the Staff Report pertaining to agricultural
2 land, water conservation, and roads and bridges.

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4 6. Q. Are you responsible for any specific conditions in the Staff Report? If so,
5 which ones?

6 A. Yes. I am responsible for condition 26.

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8 7. Q. Why is Staff recommending condition 26?

9 A. This condition ensures the Applicant shall coordinate with the proper
10 regulatory authority concerning project activity that affects transportation
11 infrastructure. It also requires the Applicant to supply Power Siting Staff with
12 a transportation management plan prior to construction.

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14 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Eric Morrison, 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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