

**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**

Grant Zeto

**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 your business address.

2 A. My name is Grant Zeto. 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 Public Utilities Administrator 2 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 Science Degree in Environment and Natural
11 Resources from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

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13 I have been employed by the PUCO since August 2011. My responsibilities
14 during this time have primarily involved review of Ohio Power Siting Board
15 (Board) cases.

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17 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board
18 (Board)?

19 A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.

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

1 A. I am sponsoring portions of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)
2 that was filed in the docket of this case on October 20, 2021. Specifically, I
3 am sponsoring the Staff Report subsections titled Surface Waters,
4 Threatened and Endangered Species, and Vegetation

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6 6. Q. Are you sponsoring any conditions? If so, which ones?

7 A. Yes. I am sponsoring conditions 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 of the
8 Staff Report.

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10 7. Q. Why is Staff recommending these conditions?

11 A. These conditions are needed to ensure the minimization of potential adverse
12 impacts to surface water resources, wildlife, and vegetation.

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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
16 testimony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in
17 response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Grant Zeto, 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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