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Subject: Birch Solar Opposition

Matthew,

I am attaching a letter in opposition to the Birch Solar 1 project. I hope you and the Ohio Power Siting Board, take into consideration what the citizens of Shawnee/ Auglaize Township want. Thanks you for taking your time to reading this letter, and to posting it onto the proper place with all the other letters concerning this project.

Laurie Hodosko

Ohio Power Siting Board,

My name is Laurie Hodosko, and I live within a mile of the proposed Birch Solar 1 project. I have followed this project from the beginning phases of in-person informational and online meetings. I have attended the meeting that Birch Solar 1 presented at UNOH, and also was at the meeting in November at the Allen County Fairgrounds. In the beginning I came to these meeting with an open mind, interested in how this may help our area. Listening to all party's pros and con's, I have to come to the conclusion that Birch Solar 1, is **NOT** a great fit for our community.

A big concern that I have is that we are taking 2345 acres of prime farmland and turning that into a solar field, that will not even benefit the citizens of Shawnee and Auglaize Township, let alone Allen County. The energy that is generated will go to an Amazon facility in Columbus.

Listening to Birch Solar 1, they say that they will be providing jobs to our community, and bringing tax money to the county and local schools in the project area. I'm trying to understand how this will benefit Allen County, when the construction is all done the number of new jobs that will be created is only 4 or 5 permanent jobs. We have established businesses in the area that are expanding and creating 100-150 new jobs. Birch Solar also likes to say how much our schools will benefit from this. Our Township just voted on a new levy for our schools, and we just voted on two new fire levies. It seems to me that the citizens of Shawnee Township take care of their own.

In November during the meeting at the Fairgrounds, I listened to all the people get up and speak most of them against the proposed project. The Township Trustees, the Allen County Board of Commissioners, with all the concerns and facts that these elected officials presented, I do not see how you can approve this project.

We the citizens of Allen County/ Shawnee and Auglaize Township, do not have the deep pockets that Birch Solar 1 has to fight this project. We are counting on you, The Ohio Power Siting Board, to **OPPOSE** this project and protect our properties.

Thank You

Laurie Hodosko

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