

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Birch Solar)
1, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental)
Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a) Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN
Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in)
Allen and Auglaize Counties, Ohio.)

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY OF

**Ryan J. Weller
Owner, Principal Investigator
Weller & Associates, Inc.**

**on behalf of
Birch Solar 1, LLC**

May 16, 2022

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1. Please state your name, current title, and business address.

My name is Ryan J. Weller. I am the Owner, Principal Investigator for Weller & Associates, Inc. My business address is 1395 West Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43212. As I stated in my initial testimony filed on May 4, 2022, I support the information contained in Exhibit S (“Cultural Resources Management Preliminary Review”), Exhibit T (“Cultural Resources Work Plan”), Supplement to Application filed March 25, 2021 (“History/Architecture Reconnaissance Survey”), and Response to Staff Condition 33 filed on December 30, 2021 (“Phase 1 Archaeological Survey Report”) that are part of the Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (“Certificate”) filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board by Birch Solar 1, LLC (“Applicant” or “Birch Solar”) in this case (“Application”).

2. What is the purpose of your supplemental testimony?

The purpose of my supplemental testimony is to support the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (“Stipulation”) that was filed in this proceeding on May 16, 2022, as it relates to the Application exhibits that I am supporting.

3. Have you reviewed the Stipulation that was filed in this proceeding on May 16, 2022, and the Certificate Conditions recommended in the Stipulation?

Yes I have.

4. Based upon the architectural and archaeological studies performed for the Birch Solar Project, together with the conditions in the Stipulation, is it possible to determine the nature of the probable environmental impact of the facility on those resources?

Yes

5. Based upon the commitments Birch Solar has made regarding any mitigation for architectural and archaeological resources, together with the conditions in the Stipulation, does the facility represent the minimum adverse environmental impact on those resources considering the state of available technology and the nature and

1 **economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations?**

2 Yes.

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4 **6. Are your opinions and conclusions in your testimony made with a reasonable degree**
5 **of professional certainty?**

6 Yes.

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8 **7. Does this conclude your supplemental testimony?**

9 Yes. However, I reserve the right to update my testimony to respond to any further
10 testimony, reports, and/or evidence submitted in this case.

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