

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of South :
Branch Solar, LLC for a Certificate of : Case No. 21-0669-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public :
Need. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Eric Morrison

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

STAFF EX. ____

May 25, 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 Board?

17 A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.
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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 in the docket of this case on April 18, 2022. Specifically, I
22 am sponsoring the Staff Report subsections titled "Agricultural Districts

1 and Land”, “Project Description”, “Project Schedule”, “Water
2 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 conditions 22 and 44.

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8 7. Q. Why is Staff recommending condition 22?

9 A. This condition ensures that 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. Why is Staff recommending condition 44?

15 A. This condition outlines the requirements the Applicant must meet to mitigate
16 disruption of agricultural field drain tile systems.

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18 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

19 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental
20 testimony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in
21 response to 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 25th day of May 2022.

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