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Subject: Public Comment on Birch Solar I project in Allen and Auglaize Counties, 20-1605-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Butler and the Ohio PUCO: Please note my opposition to the Birch Solar 1 project in Allen and Auglaize Counties. I am opposed to the taking out of production this large chunk of continuous farmland in this area. I am a resident of Shawnee Township and have ridden on many of the farms and areas which Birch Solar 1 would take in order to provide some far distant entity solar power. I can tell you that destroying the farmland will ruin this area. No good will come of installing solar panels which will degrade without maintenance and which will not serve to provide power for this region. The money generated will not come back to Allen or Auglaize Counties and the farmland will be irredeemably harmed by the panels and what comes from them as they degrade. Native species of plants, birds and wildlife will be harmed. Humans will no longer have this scenic venue to hunt, to farm, or to restore themselves upon. This is a beautiful and cohesive ecosystem which can currently restore itself but will be damaged beyond repair, especially since no one will have oversight of the company who is taking all the profit and beneficence from these acres.

Many other blighted areas exist and could profit from Birch Solar's investments and provide solar energy to cities and industrial areas where damage to the environment would be less. Why not put the panels down the center of interstate highways and other already chopped up areas? Please do not permit Birch Solar 1 to degrade and destroy our natural farmland and hedgerows and drainage.

Sincerely, Bonnie E. Everett

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