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**Subject:** Birch Solar Project - Lima

Mr. Butler and Board Members of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

My name is David Schlenker. I am a life long resident of the State of Ohio, County of Auglaize, City of Wapakoneta. My wife and I have chosen to raise our family of 6 children in our hometown of Wapakoneta.

I am the owner of Elfie Properties, LLC dba Schlenker Developments. I own and manage residential and commercial property, develop residential and commercial lots and am a builder.

I find it very "short sighted" to promote, with tax payer subsidies, the conversion of farm land to solar panel fields. The "highest and best" use of this land is for farming not solar energy production. Solar fields, if built, should be located in dry, arid nonproductive lands that receive more sunny days than the state of Ohio does.

I ask you to reconsider any support you may have for the Birch Solar Project. Don't fall victim to the latest fad.

Thank you for your consideration.

David P. Schlenker

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