

## THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE SOLAR ENERGY,  
LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND  
PUBLIC NEED.

CASE NO. 20-1679-EL-BGN

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 10, 2022

{¶ 1} Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy, LLC (Pleasant Prairie or Applicant) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without first obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).

{¶ 3} On February 19, 2021, as supplemented on April 7, 2021, April 21, 2021, and October 6, 2021, Applicant filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct an up to 250 megawatt solar-powered electric generation facility in Pleasant and Prairie townships, Franklin County, Ohio.

{¶ 4} By Entry dated May 11, 2021, as amended by the Entry dated June 28, 2021, a procedural schedule was established in this matter. The effective date of the application was established as May 11, 2021, the public hearing was scheduled for July 19, 2021, and the adjudicatory hearing was scheduled to commence on August 16, 2021. Also, it was established that the Board would accept petitions to intervene up to 30 days following the service of the notice required by Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-09 or by June 25, 2021, whichever is later, and established a procedural schedule directing Staff to file its Report of Investigation on or before July 2, 2021; parties to file a list of issues citing specific concerns about which they may be interested in pursuing cross-examination of witnesses at the adjudicatory hearing by July 30, 2021; Pleasant Prairie to file all expert and factual testimony

by August 2, 2021; Staff and intervenors to file all expert and factual testimony by August 9, 2021; and any stipulation entered into by the parties to be filed by noon on August 11, 2021, along with the associated testimony supporting the stipulation.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated June 28, 2021, the petitions to intervene or notices of intervention filed by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District (Metro Park), the Board of Township Trustees of Pleasant Township (Pleasant Township), the Board of Township Trustees of Prairie Township (Prairie Township), and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) were granted. Pursuant to the Entry of August 5, 2021, the petition for leave to intervene filed by No Prairie Solar, LLC (NPS) was granted.

{¶ 6} On July 1, 2021, Staff filed its Report of Investigation.

{¶ 7} The public hearing was held, as scheduled, on July 19, 2021.

{¶ 8} On July 30, 2021, Applicant, Metro Park, Prairie Township, and NPS, each filed a notice of the list of issues about which each party may be interested in pursuing cross-examination of witnesses at the adjudicatory hearing.

{¶ 9} Also, on July 30, 2021, Applicant, Staff, Prairie Township, Pleasant Township, Metro Park, OFBF, and NPS filed a joint motion and supporting memorandum to call and continue the adjudicatory hearing and continue deadlines for filing parties' testimony and stipulations.

{¶ 10} Pursuant to the Entry of August 2, 2021, the motion to call and continue the adjudicatory hearing was granted. Additionally, the remaining procedural schedule deadlines previously established in the May 11, 2021, and June 28, 2021 Entries were suspended.

{¶ 11} A joint stipulation and recommendation was filed on October 29, 2021, as amended November 5, 2021, and February 16, 2022.

{¶ 12} At this time, the adjudicatory hearing shall be continued to 10:00 a.m., on Monday August 29, 2022, at the Board's offices, 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hearing Rom 11-D, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The parties should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor to participate in the adjudicatory hearing. Any accommodations necessary to ensure availability of social distancing and plexiglass dividers should be made in advance of the hearing. As pandemic restrictions are evolving, instructions on further safety requirements or accommodations for the hearing room may be forthcoming, either posted on the Board's website or communicated to the parties.

{¶ 13} All party testimony is to be filed on or before August 16, 2022.

{¶ 14} It is, therefore,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That the August 16, 2021 adjudicatory hearing be continued to commence on August 29, 2022, in accordance with Paragraph 12. It is, further,

{¶ 16} ORDERED, That party testimony be filed in accordance with Paragraph 13. It is, further

{¶ 17} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

*/s/ Jay S. Agranoff*

By: Jay S. Agranoff  
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that the adjudicatory hearing be continued to commence on August 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board's offices in hearing room 11-D; and that party testimony be filed before August 16, 2022 electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of Jay S. Agranoff, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board