## THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
YELLOW WOOD SOLAR ENERGY LLC,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR-
POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATION
FACILITY IN CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO.

CASE NO. 20-1680-EL-BGN

## ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 12, 2022

{¶ 1}   Yellow Wood Solar Energy LLC (Yellow Wood Solar 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 from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).  In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.06, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 through 4906-4.

{¶ 3}   On February 24, 2021, as supplemented on June 17, August 19, September 3, and October 8, 2021, Yellow Wood Solar filed an application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a 300 megawatt solar-powered electric generating facility in Clark and Jefferson townships in Clinton County, Ohio.

{¶ 4}   On August 17, 2021, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued an Entry that established the procedural schedule to be followed in this case.  Among other things, the August 17, 2021 Entry set: Wednesday, October 20, 2021, as the date for the local public hearing in this case; Monday, November 1, 2021, as the due date for the filing of the Applicant's testimony in this case; Tuesday, November 9, 2021, as the due date for the filing of testimony by intervenors and Staff; and Wednesday, November 10, 2021 as the deadline for the filing of any stipulation.  The same Entry also scheduled an evidentiary hearing to occur on November 17, 2021.

{¶ 5}    On October 18, 2021, the ALJ granted motions to intervene filed by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF); Clinton County Commissioners; Brad Cochran Farms LLC and Brad Cochran; Brian and Janet Collins; Margaret and Stephen Elam; G. Robert and Joyce Griffith; Alan and Deborah Hertlein; Brett Hertlein; JWP Family Farms LLC; Darla and Matthew Long; Benjamin and K. Nicole Oberrecht; Dianne Rhonemus; Jamie and Matthew Roberts; Janice Rowlands; Charles Simpson Jr. and Pamela McConnel; and Charles W. Thompson.

{¶ 6}    On November 17, 2021, the evidentiary hearing was called and continued. At that time, Applicant committed to send bi-weekly emails to the ALJs to report the status of settlement negotiations.

{¶ 7}    On August 8, 2022, Applicant filed a stipulation signed by Applicant, Staff, and OFBF.

{¶ 8}    On August 9, 2022, the ALJ scheduled a prehearing conference to take place in person on August 16, 2022.

{¶ 9}    The parties contacted the ALJ via email to request that the prehearing conference be converted to a virtual format to avoid the need for out-of-state travel.

{¶ 10}    At this time, the ALJ finds it appropriate to convert the prehearing conference to be held remotely. The prehearing teleconference will commence at 11:00 a.m. on August 16, 2022. At the designated time of the conference, the parties shall dial 614-721-2972 and enter access code 826 568 477# to join in the prehearing teleconference.

{¶ 11}    It is, therefore,

{¶ 12}    ORDERED, That the prehearing conference be converted to a teleconference in accordance with Paragraph 10. It is, further,

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


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*/s/Jacky Werman St. John*
By:     Jacky Werman St. John
            Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry converting the prehearing conference to a teleconference on August 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of Jacky Werman St. John, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board