# Exhibit F Memorandum of Understanding Ohio State

### Historic Preservation Office and Pleasant Prairie Solar June 2022



#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE OHIO STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE AND PLEASANT PRAIRIE SOLAR, LLC REGARDING PLEASANT PRAIRIE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, on Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC ("Pleasant Prairie Solar") intends to submit an application for approval of a less than 1.5 mile long Transmission Line ("Certificate") to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"), and intends to operate the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center Project ("Project"), an up to 250 MW solar-powered electric generating facility to be located in Pleasant and Prairie Townships in Franklin County, Ohio.

**WHEREAS**, a Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey and Report was prepared by EMH&T for the Hellbranch Run Wetland Mitigation Site (August 3, 2020) that includes the corridor proposed for a Transmission Line associated with the Pleasant Prairie Energy Project;

**WHEREAS** the Report identified one site (33-FR-3242) that is within the proposed transmission line corridor that the OH-SHPO has determined to be potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;

**WHEREAS**, three archaeological sites (33-FR-3234, 33-FR-3241, and 33-FR-3245) within the Transmission Line easement have been determined ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the SHPO and require no further managements or avoidance;

**WHEREAS**, Pleasant Prairie Solar recognizes that the site boundary of 33-FR-3242, as well as a 50-foot buffer surrounding the site, has been established by the OH-SHPO for avoidance or further investigation;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the SHPO and Pleasant Prairie Solar agree in this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") as follows:

#### I. RECITALS

The recitals set forth above are incorporated into and are made a part of this MOU.

#### **II. STIPULATIONS**

A. The SHPO and Pleasant Prairie Solar agree that all reasonable efforts will be made to avoid ground disturbing construction activities with the boundaries and established 50-foot buffer of site 33-FR-3242. If the Project is constructed, the Project shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations to account for the effect of the Project on archaeological resources.

- 1. Pleasant Prairie Solar will avoid ground disturbance in the designated avoidance areas for archaeological site 33-FR-3242. The site boundaries will be demarcated along with the 50-foot buffer of this resource, prior to construction. These areas will be clearly indicated on project plans and work crews will be notified of the sensitive area. SHPO will be provided project plans with sensitive area demarcated.
- 2. When Pleasant Prairie Solar needs to traverse site 33-FR-3242, light work trucks shall be utilized.
- 3. Construction matting will be used when traversing the site and the 50-foot buffer. An archaeologist will monitor the removal of the matting to ensure that the site is not disturbed. All monitoring will be compiled into a single report for submission to the SHPO at the conclusion of the construction.
- 4. Following construction, any needed vegetation management will include the use of motorized light work vehicles or trucks across site 33-FR-3242 and the associated buffer. These precautions also apply to general maintenance or replacement of the poles.
- 5. All construction activities will be restricted to the Pleasant Prairie Solar easement.
- 6. Pleasant Prairie Solar may need to encroach upon the 50-foot buffer surrounding site 33-FR-3242 to meet engineering requirements for pole installation within the buffer. If necessary, the following conditions will be followed if this occurs:
  - a. SHPO will be notified and consulted if any earthwork or construction is to occur within the 50-foot buffer prior to any construction.
  - b. Prior to disturbances within the 50-foot buffer that are 5-feet or more from the actual site boundary, shovel probing following SHPO guidelines will be conducted.
- 7. If disturbance or construction improvements are needed within site 33-FR-3242, or within 5-feet of the boundary, after taking best efforts to design these facilities outside of these sites, the following measures will be taken:
  - a. SHPO will be notified and consulted if any earthwork or construction is to occur within boundaries of 33-FR-3242 and a 5-foot buffer surrounding the site.
  - b. Geophysical survey and subsequent coring of potential archaeological features will be completed within the area of disturbance. The results of the investigation will be reviewed by the SHPO.

#### III. POST- REVIEW DISCOVERIES

1. In the event that Pleasant Prairie Solar discovers a previously unidentified site within the APE that may be eligible for listing in the NRHP that would be affected by the Project, Pleasant Prairie Solar shall promptly stop work in the immediate area of the unidentified site and notify the SHPO within 48 hours of the discovery. If Pleasant Prairie Solar and SHPO concur that the discovered resource is eligible for listing in the NRHP, Pleasant Prairie Solar will consult with the SHPO to

evaluate measures that will avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse effects. Upon agreement between Pleasant Prairie Solar and SHPO regarding such measures, Pleasant Prairie Solar shall implement the measures and notify the OPSB through its Staff of the implementation of the measures.

2. Unanticipated Discoveries of Human Remains: Historic and Prehistoric human remains are subject to protection under Ohio Revised Code Sections 2909.5 and 2927.11. As such, if previously unidentified human remains are discovered during construction, work within a 50-foot buffer of the findings will stop immediately and will not resume until the proper course of action can be coordinated with the SHPO and Pleasant Prairie Solar. The remains will be covered and/or protected in place in such a way as to minimize further exposure of, or damage to, the remains as soon as possible. The contractor will immediately notify local law enforcement and/or the County Coroner and consult with the OPSB and the SHPO within one (1) business day regarding the discovery. If the remains are found to be Native American, a treatment plan will be developed by Pleasant Prairie Solar and SHPO in consultation with appropriate federally recognized Native American tribes. If the remains are not Native American, the appropriate local authority will be consulted to determine final disposition of the remains. Avoidance and preservation in place are the preferred option for treating human remains. A timeline for resumption of construction activities at the identification location shall be determined through consultation within five (5) business days.

#### **IV. AMENDMENTS**

This MOU may be amended upon the written agreement of the SHPO and Pleasant Prairie Solar. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy is signed by all parties unless otherwise stated and agreed to in the amendment.

#### V. TERMINATION

If Pleasant Prairie Solar determines that the terms of this MOU will not or cannot be carried out, they shall immediately consult with the SHPO to attempt to develop an amendment per Section IV of this MOU. If terms of an amendment cannot be reached within thirty days, the MOU may be terminated upon written notification to the SHPO.

Should the OPSB deny Pleasant Prairie Solar's application for an Approval and such order of the OPSB becomes final and non-appealable, then either party may terminate this MOU at its discretion by providing written notice to the other party.

#### VI. DURATION

This MOU is effective upon its execution by both the SHPO and Pleasant Prairie Solar and shall remain in effect leading up to and upon receipt of a Certificate issued by the OPSB to Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC or any subsequent transferee. This MOU supersedes any other agreement specifically in relation to the Pleasant Prairie Solar corridor that traverses the Hellbranch Run Mitigation site. Thereafter, this MOU shall remain in effect until expiration of the Certificate.

#### **VII. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS**

This MOU may be executed in counterparts, with a separate page for each signatory, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

Ohio History Connection State Historic Preservation Office

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**Appendix A - Transmission Line Easement** 

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