

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Blossom)	
Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental)	Case No. 22-151-EL-BGN
Compatibility and Public Need)	
)	

**PROOF OF INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE AND
PUBLICATION OF INITIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Blossom Solar, LLC, hereby certifies that, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-09(A)(1), on September 1, 2022, the notice of its accepted, complete application, attached as Exhibit A, was sent to the addresses listed in Exhibit B via first class mail. Additionally, public notice of its accepted, complete application was published on August 24, 2022, and September 7, 2022, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(C), in the Morrow County Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation in Morrow County. Proofs of these publications are attached as Exhibits C and D.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Sanyal
Michael J. Settineri (0073369), Counsel of Record
Anna Sanyal (0089269)
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Attorneys for Blossom Solar, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document on the parties referenced on the service list of the docket card who have electronically subscribed to the case. In addition, the undersigned certifies that a courtesy copy of the foregoing document is also being served via electronic mail on September 16, 2022 upon all persons/entities listed below:

Thomas Lindgren
Rhiannon Plant

Thomas.Lindgren@OhioAGO.gov
Rhiannon.Plant@OhioAGO.gov

/s/ Anna Sanyal
Anna Sanyal



September 1, 2022

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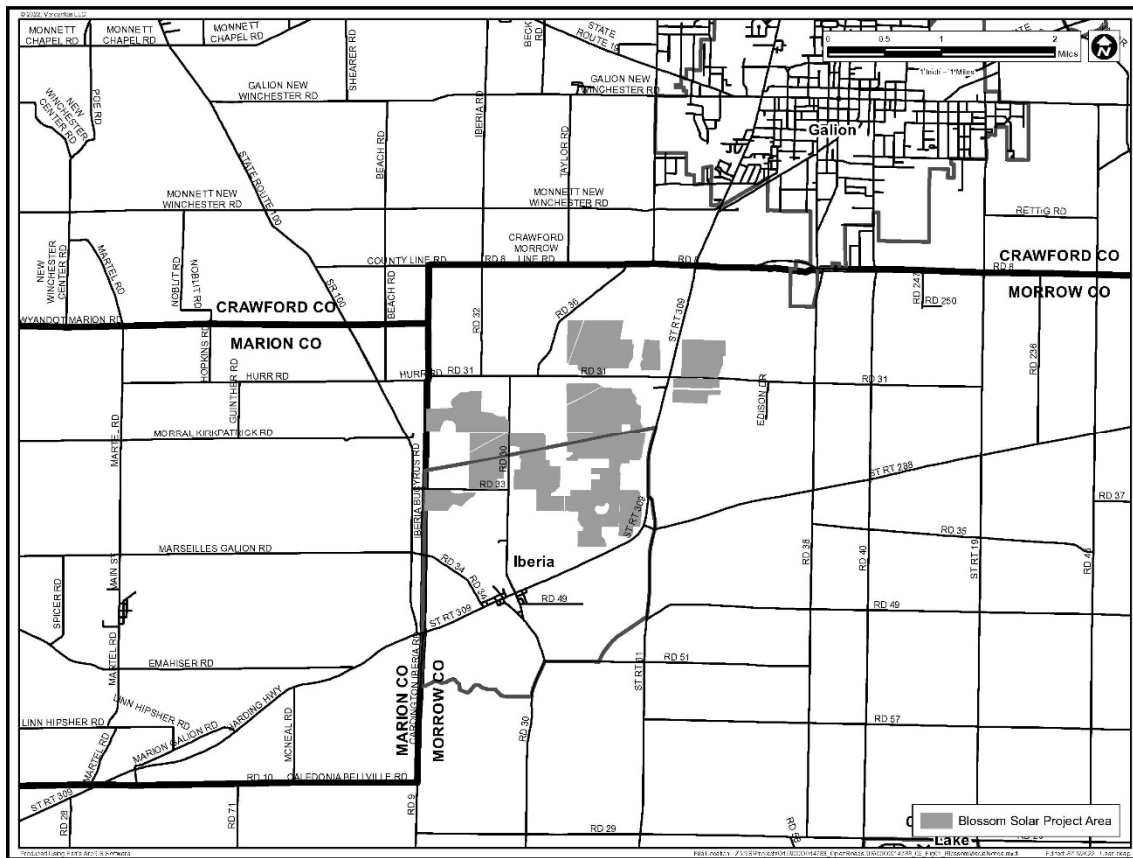
Re: Blossom Solar, LLC Public Information Meeting for Proposed Electric Generation Facility in Washington Township, Morrow County, Ohio.

Dear «Salutation»,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are contacting you to provide you with additional details regarding the Blossom Solar Project. We appreciate the public feedback residents of the county have been providing during our continued outreach efforts following our Public Information Meeting on April 6, 2022, and we look forward to continued collaboration with the community as we move toward construction and long-term operation of the Project. Below you will find information regarding our company, the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”) process, and information regarding the upcoming public hearings for the Project.

About the Project

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2. An adjudicatory hearing to commence on December 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 11th Floor, Hearing Room C, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. To participate in the adjudicatory hearing, intervention is necessary.

Intervention

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-09, or October 7, 2022, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons

who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Buckley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Buckley
Vice President, Development
Open Road Renewables

Exhibit B

Owner	Address	City	State	Zip
Allen Run Properties LLC	7042 Crestline Road	Crestline	OH	44827
Paul H. and Diana L. Altstadt	9198 County Road 38	Galion	OH	44833
Gerald J. Applegate	3628 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Ronald W. and Audrey M. Ault	4992 Iberia Bucyrus Road	Galion	OH	44833
Jeffery and Delilah Ault	9953 Morral Kirkpatrick Road E	Galion	OH	44833
Sherri L. Barnes	4353 Township Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Bonnie Beiler	8005 Township Road 38	Galion	OH	44833
Norma J. Brady	3898 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Judith M. Buchanan	4463 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Kevin E. Buchanan	435 E. Rensselaer Street	Bucyrus	OH	44820
Matthew L. and Rhonda G. Burggraf	8045 Guthrey Road	La Rue	OH	43332
Burggraf Family Irrevocable Trust	8941 County Road 30	Galion	OH	44833
Ron and Judy Busler	3856 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Juanita June Carter	6597 Township Road 8	Galion	OH	44833
William S. and Kellie K. Castle	4709 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Todd Lee Casto	5685 County Road 98	Mount Gilead	OH	43338
Debra L. Hart	274 Nauman Avenue	Bucyrus	OH	44820
Susanne Cobey and Minnie Gallman Cobey Family 1976 Trust	P.O. Box 537	Galion	OH	44833
Tracy R. Cook and Jammie L. Cook	4006 Sassafras Drive	Galion	OH	44833
James L. Copeland	3465 Township Road 33	Galion	OH	44833
Terrence S. and Cheryl S. Corney	4815 Monnett New Winchester Road	Galion	OH	44833
Dale E. Crock and Gary D. Crock	4953 Iberia Bucyrus Road	Galion	OH	44833
Crown Castle Towers 09 LLC	PMB 331	McMurray	PA	15317
Gregory A. and Mary J. Darling	437 Windsor Street	Marion	OH	43302
Joe L. and Alexis J. Davis	4513 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Grant L. Dickson	4952 Iberia Bucyrus Road	Galion	OH	44833
Teresa A. Dotson	4147 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833-9618
Mariann M. Eichler	5995 US Highway 42	Mount Gilead	OH	43338
Eichler Keystone Inheritance	3771 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Ruby Engler	P.O. Box 29	Iberia	OH	43325
Stephen G. and Jodi L. Escue	P.O. Box 224	Iberia	OH	43325
Barbara S. Evans	9006 County Road 30	Galion	OH	44833
Richard F. Faeth	1225 Westmoor Drive	Galion	OH	44833
Ryan S. and Maria R. Francisco	3600 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Garnie E. and Rena Fuller	4774 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
City of Galion	301 Harding Way E	Galion	OH	44833
Richard R. and Karen M. Genzman	4798 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Raymond E. Gillespie	4017 Sassafras Drive	Galion	OH	44833
Kyle M. and Marla K. Gladman	4137 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Judith K. Grafton	4016 Sassafras Drive	Galion	OH	44833
Robert W. and Dmara L. Guiler	4647 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Daniel P. Harden	4115 State Route 288	Galion	OH	44833
Howard Harsh and Vickie L. Barler	4499 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Doris Hildebrand	P.O. Box 15	Mount Gilead	OH	43338
Gerald R. and Cynthia J. Hildreth	4046 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Susan J. Hines	P.O. Box 185	Iberia	OH	43325
Matthew K. and Ashley N. Hinton	4445 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Jeffrey C. and Dolores M. Hoffman	3574 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Harry and Leslie E. Holbrook	3658 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Vincent and Susan G. Huggins	4205 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Pamela S. Huntsman	4714 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Scott C. and Cora R. Huntsman	4755 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Robin E. Jones	4498 Township Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Raymond J. Karchnick and Julie L. Riffle	4781 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Mary M. Kincade	4595 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
David W. and Linda M. King	3950 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Jackie and Phyllis Kinslow	4719 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833

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Nickolas R. Kocher	9899 Hurr Road	Galion	OH	44833
Glen A. Koons	3964 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Donald E. Kress	4761 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Theresa M. Kruger	15021 Harley Avenue	Cleveland	OH	44111
Kucyr Keystone Preservation	4777 State Route 309 A	Galion	OH	44833
Jacqueline A. Kudrin and Richard L. Morgan	4413 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Stephen A. and Nickie L. Landfried	4735 Iberia Bucyrus Road	Galion	OH	44833
Travis D. and Elizabeth A. Landon	3405 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Joshua D. Lasser	4044 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Karl J. and Shannon L. Lasser	3610 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Ramon L. Laughbaum	4515 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Patricia R. Lower and Wilbur O'Connell	711 Sorrento Intl.	Nokomis	FL	34275
Earl L. and Joy P. McCombs	4471 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Gordon J. and Mary A. McCown	P.O. Box 91	Iberia	OH	43325
C. Eugene and N. Ellen McMurray	4770 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Nina J. Miley	4517 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
MKB Land LLC	9972 Hurr Road	Galion	OH	44833
G. Lawrence and Beulah M. Montgomery	3905 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Gregory Rumble	2270 County Road 61	Edison	OH	43320
Jon D. and Tanya S. Moyer	4304 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Matthew A. and L. Carol Mullins	4505 Township Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Stephen R. and Jacqueline D. Musgrave	3547 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Rowland Keystone Inheritance Trust	9316 County Road 38	Galion	OH	44833
Ronald G. and Lu Ellen Ness	4580 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Ethan William Ness and Sara Marie Kiehm	4569 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
New York Central Lines LLC	500 Water Street	Jacksonville	FL	32202
Debara J. Nightwine	4611 County Road 100	Galion	OH	44833
Ohio Edison	P.O. Box 4747	Oak Brook	IL	60522
Troy Oldaker	4357 State Route 288	Galion	OH	44833
Jerry D. Pangborn	P.O. Box 472	Galion	OH	44833
Dwain O. and Connie Y. Peak	P.O. Box 115	Iberia	OH	43325
Martha E. Perry	3946 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Jason S. Perry	8919 County Road 30	Galion	OH	44833
Gary and Crystal Behun	4026 Route 288	Galion	OH	44833
Ethan A. and Adamlee A. Pfleiderer	5070 County Road 57	Galion	OH	44833
William C. and Kathleen J. Pierson	4024 Sassafras Drive	Galion	OH	44833
Jerry and Darlene Noffsinger	4117 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Mark and Jeri L. Pollard	9306 County Road 38	Galion	OH	44833
Terrance R. and Kathy A. Powell	7817 1/2 State Route 139	Jackson	OH	45640
Jack E. and Kim Prosser	9330 Edison Drive	Galion	OH	44833
Samuel W. Randolph	3864 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Sharon S. Reece	4330 Township Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Teresa M. Reiter	3885 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Mary Kay Roesch	4414 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Harold N. Rogers	4760 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Kristopher Ross	4025 Sassafras Drive	Galion	OH	44833
Floyd A. and Jane E. Roush	9275 County Road 30	Galion	OH	44833
Rowe Rentals LLC	3750 County Road 51	Galion	OH	44833
Judy Lynn Roycroft	8811 Township Road 34	Galion	OH	44833
Ruhl Keystone Preservation	6196 County Road 102	Mount Gilead	OH	43338
Daryl R. and Lynn L. Sanders	3797 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Rodney D. and Cynthia J. Seitz	4381 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
Ethan Cain Seitz	807 S. Sandusky Avenue, Apt. 1	Bucyrus	OH	44820
Roger A. Shifley	8810 County Road 30	Galion	OH	44833
Clarence C. Shultz	4501 County Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
Silo Properties LLC	P.O. Box 116	Galion	OH	44833
Anthony L. and Deborah L. Stall	4167 State Route 309	Galion	OH	44833
George A. and Dorene D. Stirm	9699 Hurr Road	Galion	OH	44833

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Jayne L. Talbott	4326 Township Road 31	Galion	OH	44833
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Vickie L. Zeger	P.O. Box 819	Galion	OH	44833

Public Official	Position	Organization	Address	City, State, Zip
Tim Abraham, Tim Siegfried, and Thomas Whiston	County Commissioners	Morrow County	80 N. Walnut Street, Suite A	Mt. Gilead, OH 43338
Bart Dennison	Engineer	Morrow County	50 East High Street	Mt. Gilead, OH 43338
Matt Stooksbury	Program Administrator	Morrow County Soil & Water District	5362 US Highway 42, Suite 202	Mt. Gilead, OH 43338
Dwain Peak	Township Trustee	Washington Township, Morrow County	3790 State Route 309 P.O. Box 115	Iberia, OH 43325
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Affidavit of Publication

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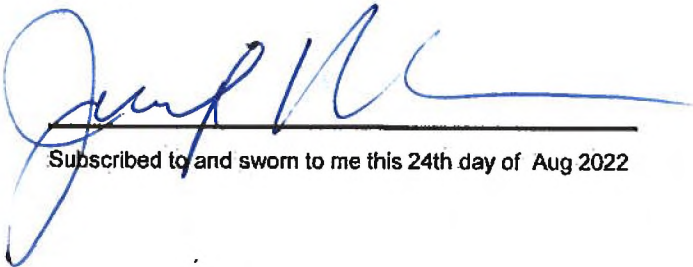
Jennifer McQuiston, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Accounting Clerk of the MORROW CO. SENTINEL, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in MOUNT GILEAD, MORROW County, OHIO; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

Aug 24, 2022

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:


Subscribed to and sworn to me this 24th day of Aug 2022

Diana J. Deweese, MORROW County, OHIO

My commission expires: August 20, 2024



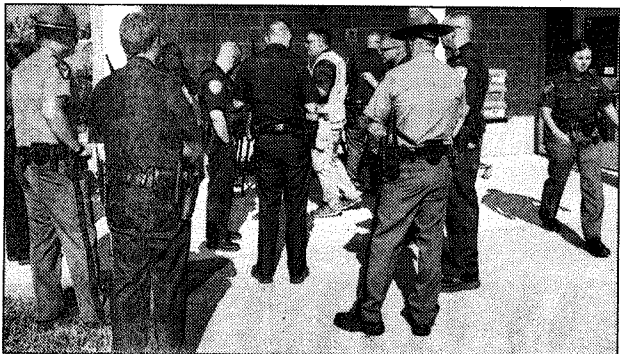
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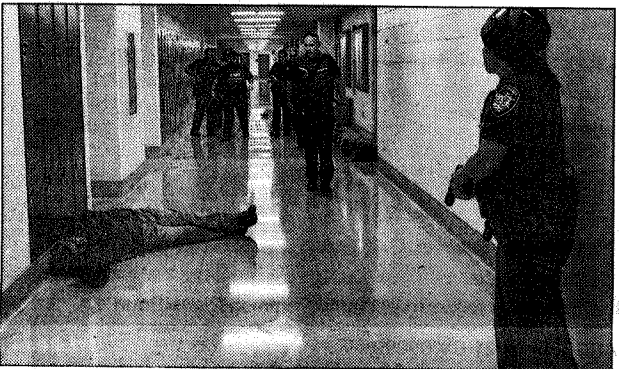
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All hands on deck for exercise



Photos by Brenda Harden

Officers from Highway Patrol, Mt. Gilead Police Dept. and Morrow County Sheriff's Office stand for a brief introduction to the event prior to entering the high school for active shooter training. Agency cooperation when there are emergency situations can be a key factor for success in these situations.



An active school shooter exercise was practiced on Friday morning at Mount Gilead High School.

Edison

From page 1

Council approved two levies for the November ballot. A Renewal levy for Current Expenses for 1 mill for five years was approved along with a Replacement levy for construction, resurfacing and repair of streets of 2 mills for five years. It is called a replacement levy even though it is the same millage, but with the new property evaluations.

In other business, Village Administrator Mary Neviska reported the house on Hill Street had sold for \$27,500 with two bidders at auction. The house will probably be rehabbed for sale by the new owner.

One of the generators that failed during the June storm was repaired for \$650 and Neviska is looking into the purchase

of a second generator.

Smoking for sewer drains is scheduled for the village on August 23 and 24.

Sheriff John Hinton was present to answer the council's questions on law enforcement in the village.

Council members asked the sheriff to have deputies do more ticketing for speed and parking violations. Hinton said deputies would be present for Heritage Day August 13.

Council member Georgann Kneipp said she got a call from a resident saying a playground area is a need for families with children. After some discussion it was agreed that a committee should be formed to search for a location, do planning for a playground area and possible fundraising.

The next Edison Village Council meeting will be September 12 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Stolen

From page 1

Crawford County, the stolen travel trailer was towed from the scene. All suspected stolen items were collected as evidence.

Deputies later recovered the stolen travel trailer from Marion County on County Road 25 in Chester Township. While at the County Road 25 residence, deputies discovered another travel trailer that was reported stolen from Marion County.

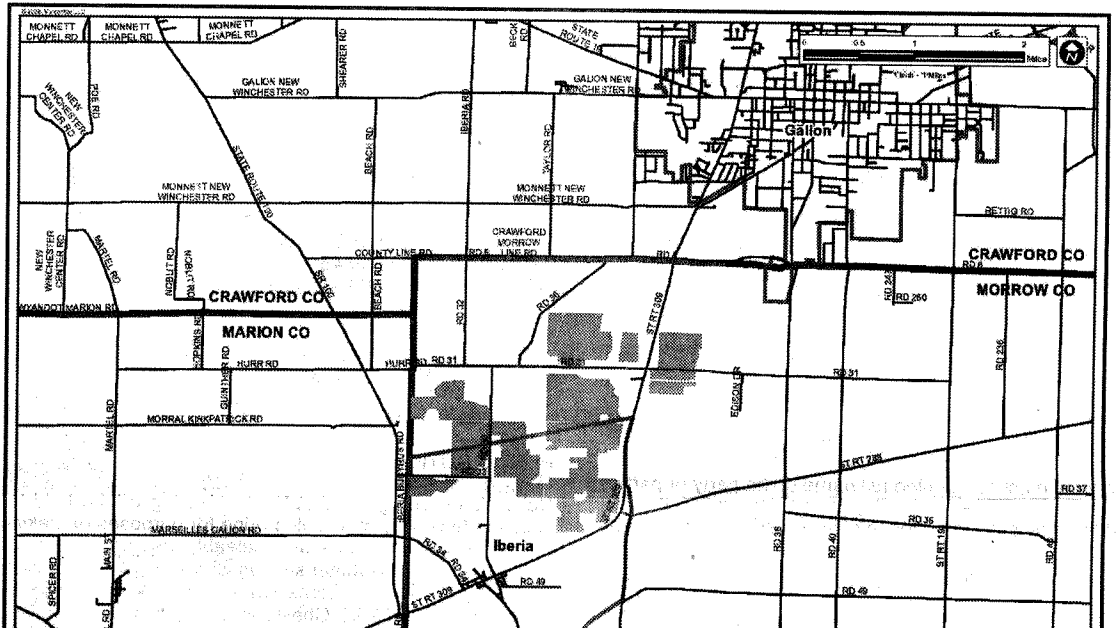
In total, deputies recovered three stolen travel trailers, a stolen dump trailer and several suspected stolen items. The estimated total value of items recovered was approximately \$50,000. Arrested at the County Road 61 residence was Warren T. Perkins, who had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

If anyone would like to view any of the suspected stolen items, please call Jackie Nauman at 419-946-4444 to arrange a time to view the property.

Information from the Morrow County Sheriff's Department

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Morrow County Sentinel

NEWS

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 7



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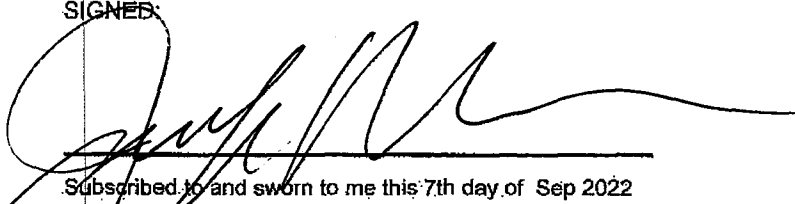
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a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published
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publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in
the said newspaper on the following dates:

Sep 7, 2022

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated
on those dates.

SIGNED:


Subscribed to and sworn to me this 7th day of Sep 2022


Diana J. Deweese, MORROW County, OHIO

My commission expires: August 20, 2024.



DIANA J DEWEESE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF OHIO
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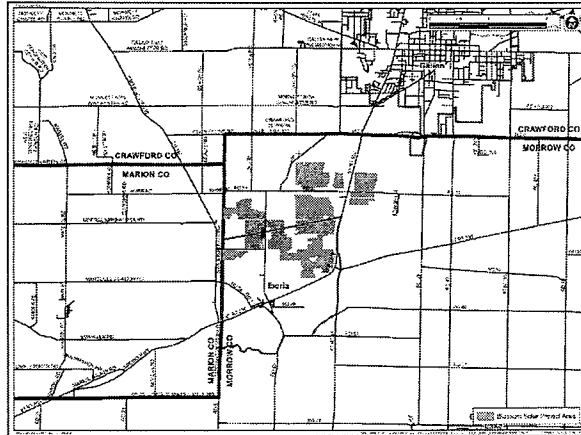
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Blossom Solar, LLC ("Blossom Solar"), a subsidiary of Open Road Renewables, is proposing the Blossom Solar Project ("Project"), a 144-megawatt solar-powered generation facility located in Washington Township, Morrow County, Ohio. The facility will be sited on approximately 1,100 acres and have a maximum total generating capacity of 144 megawatts. The purpose of the facility is to generate and deliver on-peak electricity to the FirstEnergy bulk transmission system within the PJM Interconnection. The Project will consist generally of a fenceline, solar panels mounted on metal racking, inverters, a substation, electrical collection lines, access roads, a data control structure, and pyranometers. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin as early as the third quarter of 2023, resulting in commercial operations in the third quarter of 2024. A map showing the location of the Project is below.



Blossom Solar has filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct, operate, and maintain the Project in Case No. 22-151-EL-BGN, which is now pending before the Board. Copies of the application were served upon the Morrow County Commissioners, Morrow County Engineer, the Washington Township Board of Trustees, and the Morrow County Soil & Water Conservation District. Copies of the application were also provided to and are available for public review at the Galion Public Library. The full case record can be found via the Board's website at: <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=22-0151&link=DIVA>. Alternately, a link to the Board's website with the full case record, including PDFs of the application, can be found via Blossom Solar's website at: <https://www.blossomsolarproject.com/blossom-solar-opsb-application>. To obtain additional information about obtaining a hard copy of the application or to request help accessing electronic records, you can reach Blossom Solar directly at 512-524-1195 or by email at blossomsolar@openroadrenewables.com. You can also reach out to the Board directly by calling 866-270-6772.

The Board utilizes the following criteria for reviewing an application for a major utility facility pursuant to R.C. 4906.10(A):

1. The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;
2. The nature of the probable environmental impact;
3. That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
4. In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
5. That the facility will comply with Revised Code Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under R.C. 4561.32. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under R.C. 4561.32, the Board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under R.C. 4561.341;
6. That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
7. The impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under R.C. Chapter 929 that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site; and
8. That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed Project. The public hearing for this proceeding shall consist of two parts:

1. A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.07 and 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept testimony from any person; commencing on November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Washington Township Trustee Hall, 3612 Township Rd. 49, Iberia, Ohio 43325 and
2. An adjudicatory hearing to commence on December 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 11th Floor, Hearing Room C, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. To participate in the adjudicatory hearing, intervention is necessary.

Petitions to intervene in the evidentiary hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4606-3-09, or October 7, 2022, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

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