

October 17, 2022

Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 22-122-EL-BLN Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center Transmission Line

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In response to “Comments to the Ohio Power Siting Board on Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Project transmission line, Case Number 22-122-EL-BLN, “In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application of Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC to Construct the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center Transmission Line” submitted by Anthony Sasson and Charlie Staudt on behalf of the Darby Creek Association (DCA), dated September 20, 2022, Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC (Pleasant Prairie) offers the following response.

In summary, DCA raised concerns that the proposed transmission line may affect the restoration and stream quality of McCoy Ditch and Hamilton Run (Ditch) by potentially limiting the ability to relocate the stream banks or associated flood plain, and/or affect the stream quality through removal of vegetation at the proposed stream crossings. Pleasant Prairie has engaged with the Ohio EPA regarding the proposed transmission line route and its possible effects on these waterways. In addition, Pleasant Prairie has coordinated with the parcel landowners regarding all restoration plans to ensure those activities and the proposed transmission line infrastructure are compatible. From these discussions, Pleasant Prairie has also committed to minimizing any negative impacts from stream bank disturbance by siting transmission line structures out of the streams and associated flood plains, and removing only the woody vegetation necessary to ensure required line clearance using low-impact methods such as hand-cutting. Based on Pleasant Prairie’s siting of the transmission route and poles in conjunction and coordination with the Ohio EPA and property landowners, there is no anticipated limitation or effect on the proposed restoration projects on these properties.


The comment section regarding “Use of “Native Vegetation” indicates Pleasant Prairie should consider planting “native” prairie vegetation within areas temporarily disturbed by construction of the proposed transmission line, and that Pleasant Prairie should coordinate with Metro Parks. Pleasant Prairie has already committed to coordinating with Metro Parks regarding vegetation restoration and seed type selection for the generation facility portion of the Project, in general, and notes that seed selection for areas to be restored beneath the transmission line will also be guided by each landowner’s coordination, because following construction, most area beneath the transmission line will be available for the landowner’s ongoing use.

The remaining comments regarding “Anticipated Tree Clearing and Unidentified Wetlands”, appear not to be commentary on the proposed transmission line, rather the generation facility which has been addressed under Case No. 20-1679-EL-BGN. Through the coordination within that case record, Invenergy has committed only to clearing trees (during Time Of Year restriction Nov 15 – April 1) within upland areas and avoiding impacts to wetlands and streams field-delineated in the Project Area following US Army Corps of Engineers manual and Ohio EPA procedures. To accurately determine wetland locations Pleasant Prairie had the entire Project Area delineated for wetlands and waterbodies. Further, all identified existing wetlands will be maintained during construction and operation of the Project and no impacts are anticipated.

Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC remains committed to appropriately coordinating all facets of this project with stakeholders and authorities having jurisdiction in order to reduce any potential impacts and create an exciting power generation resource for Franklin County.

Sincerely,

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Mike Kaplan

Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC

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