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Dear Ohio Power Sitting Board,

In light of the increasingly severe and real threats of global warming and climate chaos , it is imperative for the OPSB to factor in the the production of greenhouse gases when considering the pros and cons of any new project. The process for evaluating such projects should be open, complete and transparent and must allow for adequate times of public comment and input, both by well advertised in-person and on-line means. We the public, near and far, must live with the consequences AND are the ones paying for these projects. We want the most sustainable climate friendly methods to enhance the lives of our citizens--not ones that line the pockets of some elected (and unelected) officials. These are critical considerations and are necessary to the health and well being of us all.

Dear OPSB Members,

As you evaluate updates to the OPSB's rules governing new project proposals, it is critical to include several considerations:

First, a project's greenhouse gas emissions and climate impacts must be front and center. As Ohio and the rest of the world confront the climate crisis, it is indefensible to not include climate impacts as a major consideration for new generation and distribution projects. Specific criteria should be established for evaluating a project's climate impact.

Second, over the course of the COVID19 pandemic, the OPSB has demonstrated it is able to conduct online public hearings on new projects. Even as in person hearings begin to take place again, online hearings are a good tool to maximize public engagement. All projects moving forward should require at least one in person public hearing and one online public hearing, which are advertised with posters near the site, and online, as well as in the local paper, and scheduled at times to maximize public participation.

Finally, it is critical that the OPSB implement rules that are objective, transparent, and accountable. The OPSB should provide better clarity around the rubric for how public input is considered.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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