### BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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Case No. 20-1605-EL-BGN

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Now comes Shawnee Township Trustees, by and through counsel, and request The Ohio Power Siting Board to deny the Application for Rehearing.

It is clear that the Siting Board considered all requisite statutes and considered all of the voluminous evidence before it.

Contrary to Birch Solar 1, LLC's position that a large part of the community supported this project, in reality that is not the case.

There were many Shawnee Township residents, the Allen County Commissioners, Ohio Senator Matthew Huffman and many others who were all in opposition to this project.

The primary concern of the opponents is the location of the proposed solar panel farm. In Shawnee Township, there are many homes which are contiguous to the proposed project. The site would be very near to their homes and would not provide a conducive environment for an industrial solar power farm.

WHEREFORE, the Shawnee Township Trustees request The Ohio Power Siting Board to deny the Application for Rehearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of Shawnee Township Trustees

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