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Subject: Opposition to Application from Harvey Solar 1, LLC Case #: 21-0164-EL-BGN

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Chairman French,

During the Ohio Power Siting Board Meeting of October 20, 2022, in which the Board approved the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy and Harvey Solar 1 projects, you made the following statement:

"The board approval of the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy and the Harvey Solar 1 projects, will produce, on average, 600 megawatts of energy. That is enough energy to power over 107,000 homes, which to put it in context, is roughly the number of homes in the city of Toledo".

This statement is incorrect for the following reasons:

The nameplate capacity of the Harvey Solar 1 project is 350MW and the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy project has a nameplate capacity of 250MW. The 600MW "average" that you state, is actually the peak capacity of these projects.

However, these projects will never reach this 600MW capacity, peak or average. In the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Application (page numbered 10), the application states "The annual net capacity factor (NCF) for the Facility is expected to be approximately 25%...". Likewise, in the Harvey Solar 1 Application (page numbered 7), the application states "Depending on the choice of models for racking and solar panels, the Project's annual net capacity factor is expected to be 25% to 28%...".

Given these numbers, the best Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy could produce is 62.5MW, with Harvey Solar producing 98MW, giving a total of 160.5MW. This brings your total number of households down to 28,623 from 107,000. The nameplate capacity of these projects is a false and misleading number and should not be allowed to be stated in this way by the applicants.

This information is readily available within the applications of each solar project, so the comment that you made is rather concerning and can come off as dismissive to those of us that oppose these projects. Either you and the board do not individually review these applications to know their contents, or your staff does not provide you with accurate information prior to the board making their decision.

Additionally, it does not seem that the board, when making its decision, gives enough weight to the desires of the residents within these projects. In the case of Harvey Solar 1, there is overwhelming opposition among the residents of Hartford and Bennington Townships.

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Given that your statement is in direct contrast to the facts, I am asking you to issue a public correction, in writing and on record with the Harvey Solar 1 and Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy cases.

A "Request for Re-Hearing" has been filed against the Harvey Solar 1 project. I hope that the Board will take a more comprehensive look at the facts which will show that this project should not have been approved.

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