



To: Ohio Power Siting Board

RE: Case Number 21-0902-GE-BRO

IN THE MATTER OF THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD'S REVIEW OF OHIO ADM. CHAPTERS 4906-1, 4906-2, 4906-3, 4906-4, 4906-5, 4906-6, AND 4907-7

Dear Siting Board Members.

I am writing concerning the change in the footage of setbacks from non-participating parcel boundaries not containing a residence. The original language required a 150 foot setback from those property boundaries. I now find that the OPSB has been asked to reduce that setback to 25 feet, that is an 85% reduction. That seems to be a pretty radical reduction. Even the "compromise" of 50 feet suggested by the OPSB is a 68% reduction. The setback of 50 feet suggested by the OPSB is about the 15 yd line of a football field. My house is about 100 feet from the road, a 50 foot setback is about half of my front yard. What could have suggested to the Board that a good compromise would be to reduce the 150 foot setback to 50 feet. That seems to be again, a pretty radical reduction.

*What is that unoccupied land being used for now?

If the land is or could be used for truck farming, etc. the drift from the chemicals the solar company used to treat noxious weeds could kill the vegetable/flower plants on that land. If it is an organic farm this chemical drift could negate their organic label.

*What could the land be used for in the future?

Solar panels 50 feet from a property line certainly reduces the value of that land as a potential building property.

A 50 foot setback significantly reduces the potential of that land for any use.

*If the OPSB can be persuaded to reduce the setback now by 100-125 ft what would stop a request to eliminate the setback entirely?

*Can 50 ft adequately protect against run-off from the solar facility

I would ask the members of the OPSB to come to Highland County and view the setbacks first hand. Or go to your local football field and stand on the 15 yard line. This is the equivalent of a 50 foot setback. Actually seeing 50 feet is much more impactful than merely hearing it in a board room.

My family STRONGLY opposes the reduction of the 150 ft setback in any amount!

Sincerely,

Jim and Karen Faust

Ohio Century Farm

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