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As a lifekong Ohio resident and advocate for good environmental protections, I realize now climate change is an issue of utmost importance to me and many Ohioans. The most recent science says we only have a few years to transition our electric power sources away from fossil fuels to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. It is in the public interest for the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) to closely consider climate change in all its decisions. As you draft new rules governing your operations and application process, include climate change in your public interest analysis.

Specifically, all applications should be required to develop climate mitigation and adaptation plans, provide information regarding greenhouse gas emissions, and discuss how they factored climate change into their project proposal. In addition, the OPSB should provide more guidance for its public interest analysis under R.C. 4906.10(A)(6) that considers a project's relationship to climate change.

Ohioans deserve an energy system that works for everyone and ensures a renewable, sustainable world for future generations. The OPSB can no longer ignore the threat climate change poses to the environment and public health of all Ohioans.

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