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Via Electronic Filing

Tanowa Troupe Administration/Docketing Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Columbus Solar Park LLC Model Landfill Solar 138 kV Gen-Tie Transmission Line Project, Case No. 23-0256-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

On March 28, 2023, Columbus Solar Park LLC ("Columbus Solar") filed a Letter of Notification for the Model Landfill Solar 138 kV Gen-Tie Transmission Line Project. Attached for filing in the above referenced case is a copy of the March 29, 2023 letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicating they "do not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or proposed or designated critical habitat."

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Devin D. Parram

Attachment

## **United States Department of the Interior**



## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services 4625 Morse Road, Suite 104 Columbus, Ohio 43230 (614) 416-8993 / FAX (614) 416-8994



March 29, 2023

Project Code: 2023-0057650

## Dear Mr. Frodge:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. We offer the following comments and recommendations to assist you in minimizing and avoiding adverse effects to threatened and endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq), as amended (ESA).

<u>Federally Threatened and Endangered Species</u>: Due to the project, type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or proposed or designated critical habitat. If there are any project modifications during the term of this action, or additional information for listed or proposed species or their critical habitat becomes available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, then please contact us for additional project review.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or <a href="mailto:ohio@fws.gov">ohio@fws.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Patrice Ashfield Field Office Supervisor

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