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Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

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Re: Case Number 21-1231-EL-BGN  
Fountain Point Solar Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I reside in Perry Township, Logan County, Ohio. I am also in the Benjamin Logan School District.

According to this excerpt from Grist, a nonprofit, media organization that touts Climate, Justice, and Solutions (<https://grist.org/energy/solar-panels-are-starting-to-die-what-will-we-do-with-the-megatons-of-toxic-trash/>) recycling solar panels is expensive and there is only one exception to recycling mandates in the USA.

*"In the United States, it's the Wild West: With the exception of a state law in Washington, the U.S. has no solar recycling mandates whatsoever. Voluntary, industry-led recycling efforts are limited in scope. "Right now, we're pretty confident the number is around 10 percent of solar panels recycled," said Sam Vanderhoof, the CEO of Recycle PV Solar, one of the only U.S. companies dedicated to PV recycling. The rest, he says, go to landfills or are exported overseas for reuse in developing countries with weak environmental protections."*

*"We believe the big blind spot in the U.S. for recycling is that the cost far exceeds the revenue," Meng Tao said. "It's on the order of a 10-to-1 ratio."*

After reading this and several other articles across the Internet, I have several questions for the OPSB.

1) Who will pay for the cost of recycling the panels once they are no longer useful or need replaced for one reason or another? 2) Is the cost (don't forget to account for inflation) reflected within Invenergy's application? 3) Do we have landfills capable of taking the panels? 4) If we do have landfills within or even outside our borders, who will pay for the cost to deliver the panels to the landfill or recycling center? 5) Will this be another unnecessary "fee" that the taxpayers will be forced to swallow all for the "climate crisis" the government has grossly over exaggerated?

Invenergy has not addressed what they plan to do with the panels when (not IF) they need replaced. Not only will the panels not last throughout the life of the project, but it is also very possible due to a natural disaster, they will get destroyed at some point. What happens if one or several of them come crashing through my window or lands on my vehicle? Who will pay for the damage? Contingency plans need to be in place BEFORE the project is built.

Fountain Point Solar Project does not satisfy the public need, convenience, and necessity. Please listen to the majority of Logan County residents and deny this project.

Thank you,



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