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

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.

The Logan County Electric Cooperative has a test array of 152 solar panels in two rows at their office site just outside of Bellefontaine in Logan County. The February 2022 issue of their monthly publication to members gave data for this array that covered the entire year of 2021. This data seems to suggest their system is operating at about 13.5% or less than 1/4 of that standard.

The Levelized Cost of Energy or LCOE standards for capacity for PV is 29%. The Logan County Electric Co Op test site demonstrated an actual capacity of 13.5%. Less than 50% of the LCOE allowed. Given this 2X difference from the 1.9 million acres the worst case model requires 3.8 million acres. That equates to 30% of current farm acreage.

The best-case scenario based on Fountain Point's numbers is 1.9 million acres or 15% of Ohio's most productive farmland is needed to supply JUST Ohio, only during the day, when the sun is shining. The worst case scenario based on the local demonstrated test array is 3.8 million or 30% of Ohio's current farmland. The supply of hydrocarbons is not limited but they aren't making any more land either!

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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