

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Oak Run Solar)
Project, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental)
Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a) Case No. 22-549-EL-BGN
Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in)
Madison County, Ohio.)

In the Matter of the Application of Oak Run Solar)
Project, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental) Case No. 22-550-EL-BTX
Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a)
Transmission Line in Madison County, Ohio.)

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

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**on behalf of
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1 **1. Please state your name, current title, and business address.**

2 My name is Sarah Moser. I am the Director of Farming Operations & Agrivoltaics for
3 Savion, LLC (“Savion”). My business address is 422 Admiral Blvd, Kansas City, MO
4 64106 but, I do work remote and reside in northwest Ohio.

6 **2. Please summarize your educational background and professional experience.**

7 I received a Bachelor of Science from The University of Wyoming in Zoology &
8 Physiology; an MHR from the University of Oklahoma while serving as an officer in the
9 United States Air Force, and have currently completed the executive certificate for my
10 doctorate in strategic leadership at Liberty University.

12 Since, 2012 and returning home from the military, I have been actively farming with my
13 father, brother, and husband on our family’s farm that was established by my grandfather
14 in 1959. We farm approximately 1500 acres; corn, wheat, and soybeans, and started raising
15 livestock in 2016. During this time, I also worked as our county’s economic development
16 director participating in local Chamber, Main Street, Rotary, and community events. I
17 entered renewable energy development in 2016 so have been working with rural
18 communities across Ohio and with the Power Siting Board for the past seven years. My
19 involvement in Madison County began in 2019 when I joined Savion and became the lead
20 developer for the Madison Fields Project. I have been working with the Madison County
21 officials on solar development since then. A copy of my resume is attached to my testimony
22 as Attachment SM-1.

24 **3. On whose behalf are you offering testimony?**

25 I am testifying on behalf of Oak Run Solar Project, LLC (“Applicant” or “Oak Run”),
26 which is seeking to develop the proposed Oak Run facility (“Project”) in Madison County,
27 Ohio.

29 **4. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

30 The purpose of my testimony is to provide additional context and support regarding the
31 Applicant’s commitment to employ agrivoltaics throughout the Oak Run Project area,

1 along with the many important contributions the Project, operating coincident with
2 agriculture, will provide locally, regionally, and statewide. I will discuss the history of the
3 interaction the Applicant has had with the government officials and the Applicant's
4 memorandum of understanding ("MOU") term sheet presented to Madison County that
5 was included in the Applicant's Supplemental Response to the Second Data Request from
6 the Ohio Power Siting Board's ("Board's" or "OPSB's") Staff ("Staff") filed on March 20,
7 2023 (Applicant Exhibit 14). Further, I will explain the Applicant's partnership with The
8 Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Science ("OSU"),
9 as well as the grant programs the Applicant is part of and pursuing.

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11 My testimony, together with the other witnesses testifying for Oak Run in this case,
12 supports the Board's approval of Oak Run's Application for a Certificate to construct the
13 Project, which was filed with the Board in Case Nos. 22-549-EL-BGN and 22-550-EL-
14 BTX on September 2, 2022, as supplemented on November 21, 2022, and March 22, 2023,
15 and as further supplemented by responses to data requests that were received from the
16 Board's Staff and filed in the docket ("Application").

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18 **5. Have you reviewed the Staff Report of Investigation filed in these dockets on March**
19 **28, 2023 ("Staff Report"), and the conditions found on pages 51-63 of that document**
20 **recommended by the Board's Staff?**

21 Yes, I have.

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23 **6. Are you aware that Oak Run has committed to comply with, and for some conditions,**
24 **enhance, the recommendations by the Board's Staff in the Staff Report?**

25 Yes, I am. In fact, as I will expand later in my testimony, the Applicant proposes to enhance
26 Staff Report Condition 31, which addresses agrivoltaics in the Project area.

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28 **7. Please describe the history of your involvement with the Oak Run Project?**

29 I am the Project developer assigned to the Project and have been working on the Oak Run
30 Project since June 2021. Also, since being recently named the Director of Farming
31 Operations and Agrivoltaics at Savion and with the Oak Run Project's commitment to the

deployment of farming on the site, I will remain with the site through construction and operations.

8. Agrivoltaics is a fairly new term. Please help explain what it means and provide your experience in the field.

In light of a growing world population, a key takeaway is that some means must be provided to tackle the need for the exponentially growing food and energy demands worldwide. This “energy-food nexus” represents two of the main needs for human well-being (Srijana et al., 2021).¹ As early as 1981, the concept of combining agricultural and energy production has been proposed; however, to date, especially in the United States, no utility-scale solar energy (“USSE”) developer has dedicated time or resources to fully investigate the challenges and possibilities of real execution (Pascaris, 2021).² According to the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy (“ISE”) an agrivoltaic system technology is one that simultaneously employs a primarily agricultural production focus coupled with energy generation in the same space and aims to optimize the synergies and potentials of both production systems (Fraunhofer ISE, 2017).³ The Fraunhofer ISE is the largest agrivoltaic system in Germany and was installed in 2016 (Trommsdorff et al., 2016).⁴ The design for that system took into account agrivoltaics and was made in a way that facilitates equipment for farming. The results were astonishing and showed that a particular system could increase land productivity by almost 90% during a dry and hot summer. The site is a functional farm between rows of solar panels albeit the engineering is not typical for a traditional USSE installation. The different interpretations of the agrivoltaic concept range

¹ Srijana, N. B., Schlüter, S., Kuckshinrichs, W., Schlör, H., Adamou, R., & Bhandari, R. (2021). Economic Feasibility of Agrivoltaic Systems in Food-Energy Nexus Context: Modelling and a Case Study in Niger. *Agronomy*, 11(10), 1906. <https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy11101906>

² Pascaris, A. S. (2021). Examining existing policy to inform a comprehensive legal framework for agrivoltaics in the U.S. *Energy Policy*, 159, 112620. doi:10.1016/j.enpol.2021.112620.

³ Fraunhofer ISE. (2017). Harvesting the sun for power and produce—Agrophotovoltaics increases the land use efficiency by over 60 percent; *Fraunhofer ISE*: Freiburg, Germany, 2017. Retrieved Sept. 30, 2022 from https://www.ise.fraunhofer.de/content/dam/ise/en/documents/annual_reports/fraunhofer-ise-annual-report-2017-2018.pdf

⁴ Trommsdorff, M., Kang, J., Reise, C., Schindele, S., Bopp, G., Ehmann, A., Weselek, A., Högy, P., & Obergfell, T. (2021). Combining food and energy production: Design of an agrivoltaic system applied in arable and vegetable farming in Germany. *Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 140, 110694. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rser.2020.110694>

1 from rooftop applications (Jing et al., 2022)⁵ to large utility-scale projects which may span
2 thousands of acres. And where small garden-type commitments to self-provide food are
3 much less challenging to design and implement, planning must continue to conceptualize
4 crops that may be integrated on a much larger scale to serve both the energy generation and
5 food production crisis anticipated at the global level. With the Department of Energy
6 (“DOE”) and OSU, Savion is proposing to do just that.

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8 Currently, the largest agrivoltaic project in the United States is 4 acres – 1.2 megawatts
9 (“MW”) and is called Jack’s Solar Garden. It is in Longmont, Colorado and serves as a
10 non-profit research plot, home to the Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center that has
11 partners such as The Colorado State University, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
12 (“NREL”), and The University of Arizona to study concepts like production, pollinator
13 habitat, ecosystem services, water management, grassland and nutrient cycling. In
14 addition, it is a community partner that offers tours, farm to table events, art, wine tastings,
15 youth activities, field trips, and serves as a beacon of hope to the misinformed messaging
16 from anyone who believes farming and renewable energy cannot coexist and, in fact,
17 complement each other. Yes, Colorado is different than Ohio. It has different climate,
18 different crops, different farming practices, and different people. However, it is an
19 excellent model of what a positive perspective on progress can bring to a community.

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21 Furthermore, Ohio – Madison County, lies in America’s heartland. The PJM power grid
22 is the best, most efficient energy infrastructure in the nation, Ohio absolutely has the
23 nation’s best farmers and the premier agricultural institution in our land grant giant THE
24 Ohio State University. There is no better location to replicate the solution for agrivoltaics
25 than here, and this is why the Oak Run Solar Project is essential. Building upon the research
26 conducted at my family farm in northwest Ohio, where alfalfa, a full sun crop, performed
27 well in the shade of solar panels, our team is ready to expand the size of the plot to Madison
28 Fields in Pike Township, Madison County, Ohio, which will come on line at the end of this
29 year giving us time and opportunity to make well-informed and data-based decisions for

⁵ Jing, R., Liu, J., Zhang, H., Zhong, F., Liu, Y., & Lin, J. (2022). Unlock the hidden potential of urban rooftop agrivoltaics energy-food-nexus. *Energy (Oxford)*, 256, 124626. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2022.124626>

Oak Run. This is not guessing, it is science. It is welcoming new farmers into the next generation of farming and giving them the opportunity to participate in a necessary solution that is and will continue to sweep the globe. Madison County farmers, residents, and youth will become the experts in the farming practices that the rest of the world realizes we need but does not have the project to partner with to establish real solutions.

9. Please define the meaning and purpose of agrivoltaics in relation to the Oak Run Project.

Agrivoltaics and its combination of solar generation and farming will be employed to the maximum extent possible on the site to replicate and inform the future of farming and renewable energy production on farmland.

10. Please explain some of the possible agricultural uses Oak Run is considering employing in the Project area.

Possibilities will range from farming areas outside the fence in buffer areas, as well as inside the fence around and between the rows to include row cropping, livestock grazing, pollinator habitat, and bee keeping within the Project area.

11. Please explain the benefits agrivoltaics will provide to the Project area during the operation of the facility.

Agrivoltaics opens the opportunity for dual-use land practices on the site. Utilizing agrivoltaics at the Project will improve soil health and introduce decompaction possibilities for the land and unlock the potential to contract with local providers to participate in site operations for the life of the Project.

12. Please explain the benefits agrivoltaics will provide locally, regionally, and statewide during the operation of the facility.

Locally, contracts with farmers and local providers for anything land related during operations will allow income and entrepreneurial opportunity for smaller local farmers and tenants. In addition to these benefits being extended regionally, both the region and the state stands to gain a state of art demonstration campus on the globally developing trend of

1 dual-land use that comes with agrivoltaics. Madison County will house the world's largest
2 agrivoltaic campus and the economic development opportunities that include job creation,
3 growth of agrivoltaic expertise in an emerging field, and the recognition that accompany.
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5 **13. Please explain the Applicant's partnership with The Ohio State University and the**
6 **grant program to be afforded in Madison County.**

7 The Applicant has been in collaboration with OSU since 2021. Savion, in partnership with
8 OSU, was recently awarded a DOE FARMS grant, which will employ agrivoltaics research
9 at Savion's Madison Fields Solar Project, which is approximately 4.5 miles north of the
10 Oak Run site. This \$1.8M grant seeks to inform and provide data to replicate and expand
11 on agrivoltaic practices at the Oak Run location.
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13 **14. Please explain Oak Run's long history with Madison County and the community in**
14 **the Project area.**

15 Oak Run has been working with the Madison County Board of County Commissioners
16 ("Commissioners" or "Commission") since June 2021 and has continually received
17 positive feedback and support for the Project from the Commissioners – it was not until
18 recently, in 2023, that two of the Commissioners completely changed their stance on the
19 Project.
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21 The Commission was first, officially, approached in June 2021 about the potential Oak
22 Run Project. At this point, the Project was contemplating 1600 MW.⁶ The system impact
23 study report had not been received nor had fees been paid to progress into the next phase
24 of development. Oak Run also began reaching out to the townships involved in the Project
25 as early as October 2021, discussing the potential scale of 1600 MW. Because significant
26 time, investment, and studies are required for a project this size to prepare an application
27 for filing with the Board, everyone was introduced to and made aware of the potential full
28 scale, land required, and revenue of the Project from the very beginning. For example, prior

⁶ While Oak Run was contemplated as a 1600 MW project, the current Application pending before the Board only requests certification for 800 MWs. Should Savion decide at a later time to request certification for the additional 800 MWs, a new application would need to be filed with the Board and the same procedural process would need to be followed.

1 to June 2021 minimal investment incurred; however, between June 2021 and 2023 Oak
2 Run has spent nearly \$13 million. The Commissioners were specifically asked if they still
3 desired more solar despite their being several pending solar projects in the county. They
4 were asked, point blank, if Savion should proceed with the development of the Oak Run
5 Project. All three Commissioners were extremely supportive and encouraged the Project
6 and location. They remained so through 2021 and through 2022. Oak Run continued to
7 participate in many local events and has had continual conversations with all three
8 Commissioners about their support of solar and this particular Project. Repeatedly, the
9 Applicant was told to not worry about opposition and that the county was soundly in
10 support. Initial meetings, also beginning in 2021, with all three townships involved in the
11 Project were favorable and the Applicant was never prompted to not pursue or to withdraw
12 its Application. Even as the townships started to express concerns, the Commissioners
13 reassured the Applicant that the County Commissioners were supportive of the Project.
14 My record of meetings/interactions, include, but are not limited to:

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16 2021:

- 17 • April 27, 2021 – Attended County Commissioner meeting and gave update on
18 Savion solar developments in Madison County.
- 19 • May 11, 2021 – Met with David Kell – County Economic Development concerning
20 Oak Run and solar development appetite in Madison County.
- 21 • May 20, 2021 – Madison County Chamber Golf Outing – Commissioner Xenikis
22 and Administrator Rob Slane drove beverage cart; we discussed opposition and
23 their strong support of solar. Zero indication of concern about local opposition.
24 Extreme support and willingness to bring the economic benefits to Madison
25 County.
- 26 • June 8, 2021 – Something about Solar @ the Madison County Fairgrounds.
- 27 • July 9, 2021 – Put in touch by the commissioners to Paul Gross who was organizing
28 buyers club for Madison County 4H (donated \$10k) handed out shirts to Madison
29 County 4H.
- 30 • July 14, 2021 – Booth at the Madison County Fair.
- 31 • July 17, 2021 – Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.

- 1 • July 22, 2021 – Attended Monroe Township meeting and informed the township
2 trustees about Oak Run; receptive – asked questions.
- 3 • August 16, 2021 – County reaches out to us asking for assistance to contact
4 landowners of the property site.
- 5 • August 21, 2021 – Sponsor for the Madison County Department of Developmental
6 Disabilities United Way Hawg Roast (at recommendation of County).
- 7 • September 15, 2021 – Met with David Kell on Oak Run campaign; County’s
8 attitude on solar.
- 9 • October 12, 2021 – Attended Madison County Commissioner meeting – provided
10 update on land campaign and encouraged to continue; mentioned going to
11 townships and Commissioner Wallace offered to join and help support. Also, met
12 with Economic Development Director again to plan support campaign.
- 13 • October 13, 2021 – Somerford Township – Chris Wallace and Mark Forrest
14 attended and spoke in favor of the economic benefits to the community that Oak
15 Run would provide. October 18, 2021 – Deer Creek Township – gave information
16 on the Oak Run Project.
- 17 • October 21, 2021 – Monroe Township meeting – gave update; answered questions.
- 18 • December 8-10, 2021 – County Commissioners Association of Ohio (“CCAO”);
19 spoke with County Engineer Bryan Dhume on status of solar support in Madison
20 County – still going strong.
- 21 • December 9, 2021 – Savion held a holiday gathering in the Project area as a first
22 unofficial Public Information Meeting to invite the community to hear and learn
23 about the Project. The Commissioners did attend and speak in favor of the project
24 at the event.

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26 2022:

- 27 • February 19, 2022 – Pheasants Forever/Darby Plains event Madison County
28 Fairgrounds (at recommendation of County).
- 29 • March 29, 2022 – Gave update to Madison County Commissioners and presented
30 on potential tax abatement options and numbers for both Savion projects in
31 Madison County.

- 1 • April 14, 2022 – Ribbon Cutting Savion Solar Project Center (“SPC”) Mechanicsburg, Ohio; Commissioner Wallace in attendance and supportive.
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- 3 • May 10, 2022 – Leader Russo visits the SPC.
- 4 • May 13, 2022 – Mechanicsburg Local School career fair participant.
- 5 • June 22, 2022 – First Public Information Meeting (“PIM”) for the Project –
- 6 Commissioners attended and spoke favorably of the Project.
- 7 • July 5, 2022 – Deer Creek Township meeting they first mention a drafted letter
- 8 opposed to Project.
- 9 • July 13, 2022 – Savion representative attended Somerford Township meeting.
- 10 • July 16, 2022 – Madison County Jr. Fair Livestock Auction (second \$10k
- 11 contribution).
- 12 • July 18, 2022 – Deer Creek Township meeting. Follow up on mention of letter of
- 13 opposition. Commissioner Forrest joined meeting and spoke in support of project.
- 14 • July 21, 2022 – Monroe Township meeting – Commissioners sent David Kell as a
- 15 proxy to the meeting. Trustees talked about putting on ballot to weigh pro/con (first
- 16 introduction to Cody Nichols – opposition)
- 17 • July 26, 2022 – Meeting with the townships and the Commissioners at the
- 18 Commissioner’s office where Commissioners expressed their support for the
- 19 Project to the townships.
- 20 • August 2, 2022 – Second Oak Run PIM.
- 21 • August 29, 2022 – Attended Madison County Business Roundtable with Mike
- 22 Carey; invited by Madison County to represent solar investment/development in
- 23 county.
- 24 • September 14, 2022 – Somerford Township meeting – delivered Board
- 25 Application.
- 26 • September 15, 2022 – Monroe Township meeting – delivered Board Application.
- 27 • September 19, 2022 – Deer Creek Township meeting – delivered Board
- 28 Application.
- 29 • September 20-22, 2022 – Booth at Farm Science Review. Discussed the Project
- 30 with Commissioner Xenikis who explained why they removed the Alternate Energy

1 Zone (“AEZ”) and expressed growing concern about farmland but said “you guys
2 have done good. Oak Run should be fine.”

- 3 • September 27, 2022 – Meeting at Commissioners’ office where opposition
4 appeared. Commissioners defended me – stating Savion had done a wonderful job
5 informing the public and being available and spoke for the public benefits of the
6 Project. Commissioner Xenikis asked them where they have been and thanked them
7 for finally showing up if they were indeed against the project, but did express they
8 were “too late”. It was at the conclusion of this meeting that the
9 recommendation/request to have the expert panel discussion was made.
- 10 • November 1, 2022 – Commissioner meetings – signed road use and maintenance
11 agreement (“RUMA”) for Madison Fields - received encouraging feedback for Oak
12 Run, request for Sheriff K9 unit, informed of Tolles and Johnathan Alder meeting
13 – Commissioners spoke to positive revenue and community benefit asking schools
14 to acknowledge support.
- 15 • November 2, 2022 – Held a moderated expert panel to address any remaining
16 questions of the community surrounding solar (at request of county; cost \$15k in
17 expert witnesses alone).
- 18 • December 6, 2022 – Attended Commissioner meeting gave updates; discussed tax
19 revenue.
- 20 • December 13, 2022 – Attended Commissioner meeting and learned Somerford
21 Township is amending zoning with questions surrounding less than 50 MW
22 projects.

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24 2023:

- 25 • January 10, 2023 – Update from David Kell concerning Johnathan Alder and the
26 1/9 County’s report to the school on the economic benefits (see news article where
27 Rob Slane expresses huge economic return to schools; i.e., speaks in favor publicly
28 of Project impacts).
- 29 • January 19, 2023 – Applicant attended a public Farm Bureau meeting held by
30 Commissioner Wallace. At this meeting Commissioner Wallace stated that the Oak
31 Run Project was one of the projects the Commissioners had agreed to see through

1 completion and that he thought it was “too late” to change course. This was the first
2 time he did not promote the Project, but he also did not express that he opposed the
3 Project.

- 4 • January 20, 2023 - Received quote/request for the K9 unit. County has still not
5 informed Savion of wavering support.
- 6 • January 28, 2023 – Applicant sent a compendium of all letters of support for the
7 Project (See Attachment SM-2).
- 8 • January 31, 2023 - Savion is informed that the Commissioners have voted 2 to 1 to
9 oppose the Oak Run Project – comment made to Sheriff – “well, you’re not getting
10 your dog.”

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12 Due to the course of events listed above, on September 2, 2022, the Applicant filed the
13 Application for an 800 MW solar Project and delivered hard copies of the full Application
14 to the Commissioners and all three townships. It was not until construction started on
15 another project in the county (not a project developed, constructed, and to be operated by
16 Savion), that the Commissioners indicated any change in direction. The first indication in
17 any change in county status was late September 2022. When Commissioner Xenikis
18 discussed why the Commissioners had revoked the AEZ during the 2022 Farm Science
19 Review, he indicated the Commissioners desired more control over projects locating in the
20 county and no longer wanted to give cart blanche approval. Commissioner Xenikis did
21 state that he was concerned about being able to farm the sites after decommissioning, but
22 that he felt Savion had done an excellent job and the Oak Run Project would still be
23 supported.

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25 On December 7, 2022, relying in good faith on the support of the county throughout 2021
26 and 2022, the Applicant made a significant land purchase of over \$6M. Further, again
27 operating in good faith, Oak Run made a second land purchase on January 23, 2023, for
28 approximately \$3.5M to secure the transmission rights-of-way for the Project.

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30 Notably, at the large Ohio Farm Bureau Federation meeting January 19, 2023,
31 Commissioner Wallace is on record stating he still had not made up his mind about

1 withdrawing support for the Oak Run Project and that he believed it was one of the five
2 projects that had been committed to by the Commission and would be built in the county.
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4 **15. When did the Commissioners inform Oak Run that there was a change and what lead**
5 **up to the MOU?**

6 On January 28, 2023, the Applicant provided a compendium of support letters from county
7 and Ohio residents to the county Commissioners (See Attachment SM-2). Regardless, the
8 subsequent Commissioner meeting on January 31, 2023, lead to a press release indicating
9 concerns from two of the three county Commissioners and their failing support for solar to
10 include the Oak Run Project. Immediately, representatives of the Applicant attended the
11 regular Commissioner meeting on February 7, 2023. The Applicant discussed with the
12 Commissioners their concerns on the Project and what they might need to see in order to
13 revive their support for the Oak Run Project. The Applicant specifically asked if it would
14 help the Commission should supporters contact the Commissioners and indicate their
15 support of the Project. To this, Commissioner Xenikis stated it was “too late” to hear
16 supporters and that they should have indicated their support earlier. Therefore, the
17 Applicant did not direct support letters or groups of supporters to contact the
18 Commissioners, instead these details have been submitted to the OPSB docket. This sets
19 the background for the terms introduced in the MOU to the county (See Attachment SM-
20 3) and had additional letters supporting the commitments made in the MOU (See
21 Attachment SM-4).
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23 **16. Please explain the Applicant’s MOU term sheet presented to Madison County.**

24 In this MOU, the Applicant attempted to meet the two Commissioners’ concerns and those
25 concerns verbalized by opposition. Also, of note, during the February 7, 2023 meeting, the
26 two Commissioners expressed the desire to “pause” solar development but not necessarily
27 end it. Leaving that meeting with the firm support of one Commissioner and the message
28 that the others needed to clearly establish benefits to the public, The Applicant poured
29 significant effort into the MOU. At the March 7, 2023 Commission meeting, the Applicant
30 explained to the county that withdrawing the Application would reset the clock and it
31 would not be possible to just turn the Project back on in a couple years; thus, the Applicant

1 presented the MOU with the commitments therein to the Commissioners. Upon the
2 presentation of the MOU to the county, Commissioner Wallace stated that the Applicant
3 had only made it more difficult to say “no” and that the Applicant had done everything the
4 county had requested but that he could not change his stance because he had now told the
5 opposition that he would oppose the Project. The MOU was submitted to the docket as the
6 Applicant stands behind the commitments proposed in the document and will continue to
7 work with the county to regain their approval and integrate their feedback throughout
8 design, construction, and operations.
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10 **17. What is the current status of the MOU?**

11 Regardless of whether or not the MOU is fully executed, the Applicant stands by the
12 commitments made in the MOU presented to the County Commissioners. Oak Run will
13 abide by those commitments as part of its Certificate conditions.
14

15 **18. Is Oak Run pursuing any other grant programs that would benefit Madison County**
16 **and the community?**

17 Yes. A concept paper for the Office of Clean Energy Demonstration (“OCED”) funding
18 announcement for the Improvement to Rural and Remote Areas (“ERA”) grant
19 contemplates the use of the Oak Run Project to maximize community benefits and develop
20 a best practices educational platform for farming and photovoltaics in the state and
21 Midwest-wide. This grant will partner with the local community to ensure optimized
22 opportunity for the underserved areas of Madison County which include all communities
23 and townships adjacent the Project as well as Madison County as a whole.
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25 **19. Please summarize the requirements recommended by the Board’s Staff in Condition**
26 **31 of the Staff Report regarding agrivoltaics.**

27 Condition 31 of the Staff Report recommends that:

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29 At least 30 days prior to the preconstruction conference, the Applicant shall file a
30 copy of the grazing plan on the public docket for Staff review and acceptance. The
31 grazing plan shall include: (a) a map of the area to be utilized for sheep grazing; (b)
32 seed mix selected for the site; (c) times of year when sheep grazing would occur;

(d) stocking rate; (e) how manure and deceased livestock would be managed; (f) and the Applicant's plan to comply with Condition 9 in relation to sheep grazing.

20. Will Oak Run comply with the requirements recommended by the Board's Staff in Condition 31 of the Staff Report?

Yes. In fact, Oak Run is upgrading the Board's recommendation and commits to comply with the following enhanced condition regarding agrivoltaics:

At least 30 days prior to the preconstruction conference, the Applicant shall file a copy of the agrivoltaics plan (e.g., grazing and/or cropping plan) on the public docket for Staff review and acceptance. The agrivoltaics plan shall include: (a) a map of the area to be utilized for agrivoltaics, including ingress/egress points, staging areas for agricultural equipment, and an indication and explanation of sufficient placing and spacing to allow for the safe passage and navigation of farm equipment; (b) seed mix and/or cropping pattern selected for the site; (c) times of year when the agrivoltaics would occur; (d) livestock stocking rate, if applicable; (e) how manure and deceased livestock would be managed, if applicable; (f) consultation with the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District regarding implementation of generally accepted and beneficial conservation practices and location of such practices (g) and the Applicant's plan to comply with Condition 9 in relation to agrivoltaics (e.g., sheep grazing and/or cropping).

21. How does this enhancement to Condition 31 in the Staff Report benefit the community?

The enhancement to Condition 31 includes: more agrivoltaics opportunities and is not limited to just sheep grazing; and provides for mapping for ingress and egress points, staging areas, and safe passage areas for farm equipment. In addition, the Applicant commits to consulting with the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District regarding implementation of generally accepted and beneficial conservation practices.

22. On behalf of Oak Run, are there any specific commitments you would like to explain at this time?

Applicant has spent extensive time with the Madison County Soil and Water District, the Darby Creek Association, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources to ensure a design that takes all land management, vegetation, soil and water, and drainage conditions into consideration. The Applicant understands that farming is not necessarily the best solution

for all the parts of the Project so has taken the time and effort to consider various solutions and entertain best practices and inputs from the County Engineer who has firsthand experience and knowledge of Madison County and the terrain. The Applicant is committed to keeping the County Engineer and his team involved through the entire final design process, the construction process, and the plans for long-term operations.

23. Based upon the commitments Oak Run has made through the Application, together with the conditions in the Staff Report adopted and enhanced by the Applicant and expert witness testimony, is it possible to determine the nature of the probable impact of the facility in regard to agrivoltaics in the area?

Yes. Literature displays how each stakeholder will approach a solution with different perspectives on priority. Different areas of the country and different nations or regions, will come into consideration for changing crops and farming practices (Buckley Biggs et al., 2022),⁷ which helps to explain why the collective literature on agrivoltaics takes countless avenues toward the possible benefits of implementation, investigation, and practice. We are in the process of compiling research to prepare an Agrivoltaic Impact Report specifically tailored to the possibilities at Oak Run.

Even so, preliminary efforts in the field offer several examples. One, a study by Majumdar & Pasqualetti (2018) in the state of Arizona took the approach to fit solar onto operating farmland and calculated how much more benefit the farmer gains by adding solar to his growing operation.⁸ In this case, the farming operation was fully functional, but the solar project was not designed for optimal energy production and instead to accent crop production. Nonetheless, adding the solar panels to a farm showed improved productivity by 60-70% and also created additional revenue per acre for the farmer. The panels provide shade in arid areas. This shade in Ohio translated to as good or improved nutrient values in

⁷ Buckley Biggs, N., Shivaram, R., Acuña Lacarieri, E., Varkey, K., Hagan, D., Young, H., & Lambin, E. F. (2022). Landowner decisions regarding utility-scale solar energy on working lands: a qualitative case study in California. *Environmental Research Communications*, 4(5), 55010. <https://doi.org/10.1088/2515-7620/ac6fbf>

⁸ Majumdar, D., & Pasqualetti, M. J. (2018). Dual use of agricultural land: Introducing ‘agrivoltaics’ in Phoenix Metropolitan Statistical Area, USA. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 170, 150-168. <https://doi.org/https://doi-org.ezproxy.liberty.edu/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2017.10.011>

1 the Between The Rows (“BTR”) study conducted with OSU and will be demonstrated at
2 the Madison Fields Solar Project to confirm replication. Lessening direct sunlight that
3 would burn through the crop allowing weeds to populate the area benefits the crop. So,
4 shade meant less spraying and broader leaf development. Also, in Ohio, the panels protect
5 from hard rains and even provide some shelter from wind. Livestock love the concept for
6 the shade and protection. Furthermore, changing the mindset of solar developers to
7 legumes for the soil vs. the traditional turf grass approach increases soil health. At Madison
8 Fields we are looking at cover crops that will decompact the soils. We will be using smaller
9 autonomous, even electric equipment where possible, which also decreases compaction
10 and eliminates all emissions during the operations phase. Europe has started employing
11 agrivoltaics. Asia must. And policy is catching up to the necessity and requiring it. In fact,
12 the outlook is that most of the European countries display a strong desire to integrate
13 agrivoltaics into the renewable energy mix, but most of their governments do not know
14 where to start because solar installations have focused mainly on rooftop and smaller
15 community-based models. Pascaris (2021) cautions, that due to the socio-political context
16 in which the technology surrounding agrivoltaics participates, it is fundamental that the
17 appropriate level and understanding of state, local, and federal legal implications as well
18 as the surrounding base blocks to both energy and agriculture are developed. That cannot
19 be done absent implementation and willing partners like OSU and Madison County.

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21 **24. Based upon the commitments Oak Run has made through the Application, together**
22 **with the conditions in the Staff Report and witness testimony and the commitment to**
23 **agrivoltaics, does the facility represent the minimum adverse impact considering the**
24 **state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives,**
25 **and other pertinent considerations?**

26 Yes. The facility does represent the minimum adverse environmental impact. In fact,
27 research indicates the addition of agrivoltaics will provide additional jobs, tax revenue, and
28 positive environmental impacts to the overall soil health, drainage, and production of the
29 farm. Undeniably, the production of both renewable energy and crops in the same space
30 provides efficiencies and solutions to an ongoing global crisis.

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1 **25. Does this conclude your testimony?** Yes. However, I reserve the right to update my
2 testimony to respond to any further testimony, reports, and/or evidence submitted in this
3 case.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Attachment SM-1

Sarah Moser Resume

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Co-owner & Operator Roanna Farms, LLC/SRAL LLC

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INITIATIVE: Through guided vision and experience in farming, wind development, economic development, sales, networking, leadership, public speaking, educating and training will assist in the pursuit to develop, market, and promote utility scale clean energy projects incorporating agrivoltaics to deliver cost effective - sustainable energy, introduce solid workforce opportunities, support generational farming, enhance rural economic development, and facilitate the world's transition to clean energy.

EDUCATION

Liberty University	Executive Certificate Doctorate Strategic Leadership	Online/VA
Penn State University	iMPS-RESS Wind Energy Option BIOET553; Ethics in Sustainable Energy, EME 801; Energy Markets, Policy and Regulation, & AERSP 886 Wind Project Dev, EME 803; Appl Energy Policy	World Campus
University of Oklahoma	MHR; Masters degree Human Relations 06/2004	Norman, OK
University of Wyoming	BS Zoology/Physiology 05/2000	Laramie, WY

WORK EXPERIENCE

	Director Farming Operations & Agrivoltaics	Ohio
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spearheading Agri voltaic research collaboration with The OSU- Authoring grants for expansion of Savion's Between the Rows initiative- Regional lead for Ohio/IN/PA and Development Director managing solar project development timeline from greenfield to EPC handoff; OPSB application mgt. (640MW approved by OPSB)- Developed industry first residential good neighbor program	
Savion LLC 5/19 - present	Senior Development Manager (Wind)	Ohio
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Land acquisition/site control; resource assessment, community acceptance/public outreach; Tax abatements, geo-tech, cultural studies coordination w/OFWS & ODNR- Permitting process/Ohio Power Siting Board Application Prep (worked on Ohio portfolio 5 projects approx. 1.5GW)- Testify and support lobbying efforts as needed	
Apex Clean Energy 1/16 – 5/19	Economic Development Director, Van Wert County	Ohio
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Position created by County Commissioners to serve entire County area (approx. 28K) *County owned former "OSU position"- Functions in Marketing & Sales, Real Estate & Infrastructure, Capital Capacity finding, Workforce, Education, Community improvement, Leadership, Organization, and Business Climate- Successful Grant Writing Administration >\$2.3 mil- Experience in Co. specific OJT & hiring programs, wellness programs, & incentives for county employers/employees	
Economic Development ED 4/13-11/15; Community Dev Dir. 4/12 – 7/12	Commercial Sales Rep	Las Vegas, NV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sole factory direct rep and consultant for Vegas area, high end housing/casino mrkt; valued over \$25 mil and worked directly with Clark County School district; consultant for energy conservation and green program	
Lutron Electronics Co. 11/06 – 1/08	Instructor Air Weapons Officer	Tinker AFB, OK
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- USAF AD, Captain, honorable discharge June '06- Four-time air medal recipient; Over 540 E-3 combat hours- Published tactical officer; developed unit academics and training for 350+ aircrew, personnel mgt, performance reviews, SQ scheduler managed flying requirements for 70+controllers on >80missions, 6 TDYs, & 3 exercises	

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Attachment SM-2

Oak Run Letter to Madison County Commissioners Compendium

January 28, 2023

OAK RUN SOLAR PROJECT

January 28, 2023

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Dear Commissioners,

We recognize that utility-scale solar energy is a new technology for Madison County. For that reason, Oak Run Solar Project (“Oak Run”) has continued to actively engage in conversations with the community to provide information, answer questions, and solicit feedback.

Oak Run is proposing the use of ~6000 acres of land (4400 ac. project area) and will generate 800MW of clean energy, enough to power approximately 170,000 Ohio households. With this scale comes the potential for extensive economic benefits to Madison County, including:

- \$7.2 million per year and **>\$250 million over the expected 35-year operating life** of the project in new tax revenue for the host townships, school districts, and Madison County. Tens of millions of dollars in new local earnings during construction and millions of dollars in new local long-term earnings in Madison County.
- Several hundred new Madison County construction jobs during the three to four year construction phase.
- Dozens of new long-term jobs in Madison County during the project’s operating phase.

In addition to these benefits, there is undeniable support from local residents and constituents. Attached is a collective list of 237 community members who have either submitted a letter of support to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), identified as solar advocates, or signed an online letter of support for Oak Run. Included in this list are 46 residents of Madison County, 17 of whom are abutting landowners immediately surrounding the proposed project site.

A project like Oak Run continues the tradition of using farmland to provide the energy that we all use. In this case, sunlight will be directly converted to energy, a practice that is 200 times more efficient than using ethanol.

A solar project of this size is a once in a generation opportunity for Madison County residents. Oak Run will produce critical clean domestic energy, while delivering a steady, long-term source of tax dollars for the County and community. Support for Oak Run is support for home-grown energy and long-term economic benefits to everyone in Madison County.

Thank you for your consideration throughout this process.

Enclosures//

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Frank	Kramer		Norwalk	OH	44857
Grant	Baker		New Carlisle	OH	45344
Harley	Thomas		Celina	OH	45822
Jacob	Warl		Hillsboro	OH	45133

Jayden	Shriver		Gallipolis	OH	45631
Jorden	Leslie		Courtland	OH	44403
Justin	Sisson		Millersport	OH	43046
Kaitlyn	Schweiler		New Paris	OH	45347
Kayla	Winner		Sidney	OH	45365
Kendyll	Grant		Germantown	OH	45327
Kolson	Clemons		Union City	OH	47390
Landen	Hunt		Union City	OH	47390
Lauren	Lawson		Farmersville	OH	45325
Lilly	Cunningham		Marysville	OH	43040
Linda	Dennis		Celina	OH	45822
Maila	Snyder		New Carlisle	OH	45344
Makayla	Burch		Houston	OH	45845
Mandi	Hart		Coldwater	OH	45878
Matthew	Perkey		Plain City	OH	43064
Megan	Kohler		Wapakoneta	OH	45895
Mikali	Truman		Enon	OH	45323
Olivia	Albers		Ft. Recovery	OH	45846
Olivia	Tangeman		New Knoxville	OH	45871
Redmond	Jipps		New Paris	OH	45347
Ryleigh	Tipton		Enon	OH	45323
Shanna	Schmitmeyer		Coldwater	OH	45878
Shannon	Seevers		Circleville	OH	43113
Tristan	Graham		Commerical Point	OH	43116
Wade	Evans		Hillsboro	OH	45133

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

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Furthermore, as a former council person for a city in central Ohio, County Administrator and current Finance Director for a municipality, I can attest to the benefits gained on behalf of the citizens related to the taxes received from these solar generation facilities. The amount of taxes collected from farmland is minimal and there are a lot of local governments in Ohio whose tax base is comprised of mostly farmland. This land is assessed taxes using the CAUV formula which lowers property taxes for land where farming is the primary activity. Consequently, it can make it difficult for local governments, such as schools and townships, to collect the taxes necessary to improve, let alone maintain, their roads and buildings while paying for staff. Therefore, these facilities will allow for local government to keep taxes lower given they will be collecting higher revenues on the same applied tax rates.

I do not speak as a person who will not live near these panels. They would be installed on my road and I will be able to see them from my home. While I will be the first to admit that I might prefer to look out over a field of corn rather than solar panels, the rights of the land owners, the ability to keep my taxes low while providing more benefits to me and my fellow citizens and generating electricity in a manner that does not impact the environment all exceed my aesthetic concern. In conclusion, this facility, and others like it, provide benefits to the residents, governments and land owners of Ohio that far outweigh any negatives. I strongly encourage you to support this project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Lutz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brad Lutz
6690 Thomas Road
London, OH 43140

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I'm all for Oak Run Solar Project after learning that it has the potential to utilize up to 10,000 acres of land and generate up to 1,600 MW of clean electricity, enough to power approximately 342,000 Ohio households. With this scale comes the potential for extensive economic benefits to the host townships, school districts, Madison County and the great state of Ohio.

Kellie Burns
2495 Rosedale Road
Irwin, OH

2022-08-01

kelnjsh@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support this because I believe that this a better way to provide energy

Tristan Bash

5693 Pisgah Rd
Mechanicsburg, OH

2022-06-25

tristanbash042014@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

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Amanda Willett
8410 Guy Cemetery Road
Mechanicsburg, OH

2022-08-09

loganadyson@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I would like to have solar at anytime

Donna Ball
308 Pleasantview Eat.
Mechanicsburg, OH

2022-06-25
balldonna054@gmail.com

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Eddie Willett
8410 Guy Cemetery Road
Mechanicsburg, OH

2022-08-09

ewillett3@kanawhascales.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I'm writing to express my support for Oak Run Solar Project. Farmers should be able to choose what's best for their land, so long as public health and safety are taken into account. The bottom line is that installing solar falls within the private property rights of landowners and farmers.

Solar energy also provides many benefits to landowners, communities, and local governments without burdening local services. No public utilities or infrastructure is needed for its operation. That means that we all get the benefits that the project will generate in terms of tax revenue without any of that money being used by the project itself. This is a rare opportunity for our area, and one that we should capitalize on.

Debra Walters

102 E Sandusky St
Mechanicsburg, OH

2022-08-09

gardenbug43@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support solar!

Angela Mckenzie
1129 Leclerc Pl
Galloway, OH

2022-06-25
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To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

We need to free our energy needs and get back to clean consumption

Harold Yontz

11145 State Rt 56 S.E.

Mt. Sterling, OH

2022-06-25

leey57@hotmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I love the new resources we can use to power the community

Zach Wilson

90 E Federal
Sedalia, OH

2022-06-25

zdwilson12@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I totally support solar power energy! Want to make sure that we are using the best sources of energy for my kids and grandkids!

Tisha Edwards

8645 Lilly Chapel Georgesville
West Jefferson, OH

2022-06-25

tishalanor@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support the Oak Run Solar Project after learning of its significant size and therefore beneficial impact to the community and environment. Notably, it's estimated to generate up to 250 MW of clean electricity, enough to power approximately 60,000 Ohio households. With this scale comes the potential for extensive economic benefits to the tax base, including Plano schools, Madison County and the state of Ohio.

Cecil Fields
777 Prairie Rd
Galloway, OH

2022-08-09

cfields6@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Pollution on our planet has been an issue for as long as I can remember, and I am now a senior citizen. Fossil fuel air pollution kills one in five persons. Smog and acid rain cause billions of dollars of damage to our planet and its inhabitants. There is nothing about solar power that pollutes the environment. Let me repeat that. There is nothing about solar power that pollutes the environment! I am concerned about the future of our environment for my children and grandchildren. I don't want them living in a time where they are constantly trying to protect the environment. I want them to live in a world where the environment doesn't need protecting. Solar is part of the solution. Please accept this as my endorsement for the solar project in my area.

David Litchfield
7245 Neil Rd
London, OH

2022-08-09

davidrlitchfield@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I think having more solar energy usage around is better than what we have now!

Carmen Parks

209 N Madison Rd Apt F
London, OH

2022-06-25

poetrygirl4you@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

We need to use solar power more because it uses the sun of the day to power everything that we use every day and I think that would be great.

Joyce Travis

2022-06-25

209 North Madison Road Apt. F
London, OH

angel_sent_from_heaven1969@yahoo.



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August 10, 2022

As Executive Director of Green Energy Ohio (GEO), I attended the public information meeting on the Oak Run Solar Project earlier this month in London, Ohio. Having been to several meetings of this type, I was very impressed with Savion's organization, materials, and presentation.

For over 20 years, GEO has focused on educating the public in order to advance the clean energy industry. Honest, complete, and transparent information is essential for the success of any project, from residential to utility-scale. Savion's commitment to those principles was evident at the meeting. Responding to questions and concerns of the community is as essential a foundation as the structural aspects of a project.

As GEO has done for other projects, we will be presenting testimony at the public hearing on Oak Run with greater detail on the benefits of the project.

Jane Harf
Executive Director



Oak Run Solar Project, OPSB Docket No. 22-549-EL-BGN

This letter is regarding the support of the Oak Run Solar Project. As a company, we do work in the Madison County and surrounding areas and fully support the project.

It will bring much needed electrical power, taxes for schools and good paying jobs which will help the area tax revenue stream.

We have 4 locations within a half an hour of the proposed site and only see this as a positive to the area.

If you should have any questions, please call.

Sincerely, Scott Seeberg
Sr. Account Executive

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I'm writing in favor of the Oak Run Solar Project. This area will benefit from the addition of new economic opportunities. I'm confident that solar will be a great first step to attract opportunities and to spur local growth.

In other areas of the Midwest, solar projects have enticed new industries and manufacturers to the area, having a tremendous indirect impact on local economies and creating permanent jobs.

The project itself will also be a huge boost to the county's tax base. This project will pay both tax on the underlying real property and a payment for the tangible personal property. These tax payments are over 10 times higher than what is paid when the land is in standard agriculture. I support taking advantage of this opportunity for Madison County to prosper and grow into a place our children want to stick around, work, and raise their families!

Martha Sanger
4189 Glendinning Road
North Lewisburg, OH

2022-07-25

msanger1975@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support solar power!!!!

Jessica Vara
73 East Hiawatha Dr
Powell, OH

2022-06-25

jess.vara415@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

We need solar!

Louis Iverson
2740 Buttermilk Hill
Radnor, OH

2022-09-21

lmiverson2@gmail.com

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Scott Seeberg
584 Scioto St
Urbana, OH

2022-08-22

scotts@myscustomstaffing.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

With energy costs on the rise and an unsustainable grid the need for a natural solution exists@!!

Corri Weber

5433 Longshadow Dr
Westerville, OH

2022-06-25

corri.weber@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Please support this project as we try to be a new and more modern Silicon Valley and keep clean air.

Steven Barnhart

6367 Celeste St
Westerville, OH

2022-12-16

stb52988@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Solar energy is a great cause and we support it.

Kimberly Oppliger
6692 Oak Shadow Drive
Westerville, OH

2022-06-25

kopploger@sbcglobal.net

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Its cleaner it would be better for the world

Glen Thomas
71biddle Blvd Lt 24
Bloomington, OH

2022-06-24

glenthomas.052@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

We are all about different forms of renewable energy. We fully support solar just sadly they are too heavy to install on our mobile home! We need more options in our area and in areas that are less fortunate!

Katie Bixler

5965 Harrisburg Georgesville Rd Lot 115
Grove City, OH

2022-06-25

rebelbabe4life@gmail.com

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David J. Frea
6095 Iroquois Court
Grove City, OH

2022-11-03

davidjfrea@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

This project needs to update dynamics data with PJM.

Dave Miller
123 Oak St
Plumwood, OH

2022-06-22

dj54545454@hohgfhvcuyfd.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I think this would be good for London.

Tonya Thomas
124 Chandler Ave
London, OH

2022-06-24

thomasjewelry@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I'm for solar energy cause this sun too hot not to!

Aaron Conley
37 South St
London, OH

2022-06-24

aaronconley01@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

We like renewables and hope the technology is ready for prime time. It is time to try new generation technologies.

Michael Wood
1200 Linson Rd
London, OH

2022-06-24

woody188@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Great opportunity for Madison County!!

Jamie Barker
6365 St. Rt 38 Se
London, OH

2022-06-25

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To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support solar

Jason Armes
28 Stump Ln
London, OH

2022-06-25

jason_ames@hotmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support solar energy as a clean alternative

James Cleaver
2445 State Route 56 NW
London, OH

2022-06-25
mechjames@live.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

If its green and clean, I'm in!

Eric Berenstein

4670 Big Plain Circleville Rd
London, OH

2022-06-25

jdgreen43334@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Just make sure you recycle!

Emily Legg
1010 Lindsey Lopp
London, OH

2022-06-25
elegg29@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

This sounds like an excellent resources to utilize!

Tyler Smith
36 Birchwood Dr
London, OH

2022-06-25
Tyler57511@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

We strongly agree with solar power

Jason Ferguson

202south Oak
London, OH

2022-06-25

jferuson1482@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

In terms of land use, I feel that this project is perfectly suitable for our area. It's consistent with our agricultural character. Rows of solar collectors in a field of grass, like rows of greenhouses or Christmas trees, would not be out of place.

Projects like this can be camouflaged so they blend in even more. Solar farms are silent and can be screened from view. They also don't generate noise, traffic, dust or odors. Solar arrays don't burden local government services either, so a solar project would be a quiet, welcome addition to our community.

Additionally, the owner of this property should be free to utilize it in whatever legal means he sees fit.

Christopher Kennedy
2777 St Rt 665
London, OH

2022-07-31

Beef@Bluestarfarmsohio.com

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Tom Besinger
1490 State Route 29ne
London, OH

2022-08-09
tjbesinger@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I've always been in support of farmers producing the energy products that our free market demands. In fact, Ohio has a rich history of harvesting sunlight for energy production. Currently, about a third of Ohio's 3,340,000 acres of grain corn is used for ethanol. That's around 1,113,000 acres or 7.5% of Ohio's agricultural land already being used for energy.

Oak Run Solar Project is a new opportunity to continue the tradition of using farmland to power our state. In this case, sunlight will be directly converted to energy, enough to power the equivalent of approximately 342,000 Ohio households. That's the number of homes in all of Madison, Champaign, Pickaway, Fayette, Clark, and Greene Counties with enough energy left over to power 30% of Franklin County's 519,237 households.

This is clearly an efficient, appropriate use of land that is in alignment with Ohio's history of energy production.

I would far rather have a solar field as a neighbor than a housing development or warehouse. Environmentally sound, economically advantageous to the area, no drain on water table or infra-structure. We have lived abroad. It is time for this country to join the modern thinking world.

Chris Yost

Christine Yost
6300 Rosedale-Milford Center Road
London, OH

2022-08-09

cvyrn@aol.com

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Bradley Lutz
6690 Thomas Road
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2022-08-10

blutz@hotmail.com

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Kenneth Strausbaugh

24 Stump Ln
London, OH

2022-09-03

kenstrausbaugh@aol.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support.

Alison Mox

Allen
Pickerington, OH

2022-06-25

charmedbyalison@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

To whom it may concern.

Solar is free and good for the environment.

Free is good.

Adelina Schutt

Adelina Schutt
1290 Dayton Ave
Whc, OH

2022-06-24

adelinaschutt@hotmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Solar is a critical component in reducing dependence on fossil fuels

Jakob Spurgat
131 East 11th Ave
Columbus, OH

2022-06-25

jakob@spurgat.net

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I'd like to voice my support for Oak Run Solar Project. I believe that the project deserves approval, and I'm really excited about the possibility for other farming activities to take place within the solar arrays.

Solar farms are proving that some agricultural practices can continue to take place after construction such as pollinator habitat and beekeeping, livestock grazing, and even hay production within the project. Rows of solar panels are typically 20 feet apart, leaving significant open space. Grass grows well around, between, and even under the solar panels.

Joshua Lapp
273 S 17th St
Columbus, OH

2022-08-09

lapp.46@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

You need v D with out it you health will not be good manly for Kids

Lynda Dowe
2272 Waterfall Ln
Columbus, OH

2022-06-25

ldoweRO@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support solar projects and much cleaner they are for the earth and saves each person money

Lacie Brown

2238 Homestead Dr
Columbus, OH

2022-06-25

lacie.brown@ymail.com

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Joachim Bean

1516 King Ave Apt 10
Columbus, OH

2023-01-16

joachimtbean@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Solar energy is the way of the future and we need to support the infrastructure now in order to have clean, reliable energy in the future.

Loriann Wilson
4715 Stonehaven Dr
Columbus, OH

2022-06-25

sodak72@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I love solar power!!!!!!

Debra Hicks
3181 Andy Terr
Columbus, OH

2022-06-24
dhicks1939@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

The Carpenters Union has over 1000 members who live/work in Madison and surrounding counties. I believe our contractors will be able to secure this work for our members and for individuals in the community to be given the opportunity to learn a skilled trade not only in solar but all aspects of construction. Projects like these help our members work close to home, allowing them to spend more time with their families rather than spending time behind the wheel of a vehicle driving to and from work. The Carpenters Union supports the Oak Run Solar project and will work with the developers to ensure local work for local people.

Jeremy Welch

3331 E Augusta Dr NW
McConnelsville, OH

2022-06-13

jwelch@ikorcc.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

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Kevin Mcconaha
1909 Arlingate Ln
Columbus, OH

2022-08-09

kmccconaha@ikorcc.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Good Morning,

This project will be good for the community, it will give members of the local and surrounding area to not only work near home but to actually put some of their earnings back into their own area. We have members that live in Madison county that would love to perform this work, they are well trained professional carpenters

Thank You,

Matt Russell

Business Representative

Carpenters Union.

Matthew Russell
1909 Arlingate Lane
Columbus, OH

2022-06-13

mrussell@ikorcc.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

As a working-class resident of Madison County, I'm in favor of the jobs that Oak Run Solar project will bring to our area.

Solar projects create good paying jobs during the construction and operations phases. Typical solar installers are paid over \$30 an hour, and operations and maintenance personnel are paid over \$70,000 per year on average.

This project in particular will be under construction for four to eight years, hiring several hundred workers to do everything from archeological surveys to excavating and electrical work. Once built, the project will continue to employ dozens of full-time operations and maintenance personnel. The opportunities for this kind of employment locally are few and far between. Keep good jobs local.

Cadence Coy
10103 State Route 701
Kenton, OH

2022-09-21

pipers204@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

This project needs to update the line impedances with PJM.

Amy Johnson

14258 Oak St
Centerville, OH

2022-06-22

ajohnson@blablabla.info

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I respectfully ask that the OPSB give Oak Run Solar Project the green light. A solar project of this scale is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to generate revenue for Madison County residents. It will produce the clean energy that the market demands, while generating a steady stream of tax dollars for the community. Landowners are eager to harvest this newly available cash crop -- something that farmers have always done.

Solar has become very efficient in recent years, requiring smaller plots of land to generate larger amounts of energy. According to the project's engineers, Oak Run Solar Project will use 10,000 acres to produce the same amount of power annually that is used by 342,000 Ohio households. If you do the math, this project will produce the amount of power each year used by 7% of homes in Ohio on a site occupying 0.07% of the state's farmland! In reality, this is a very efficient use of land.

Jordyn Crawford
10695 Reservoir Rd
Cambridge, OH

2022-09-21

25_jordyn.crawford@gozeps.org

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

It's clear that we need more electricity. This is as good a site as any to install new generation on. The quantity of power that's expected to be produced is incredible. I feel that it will benefit Madison County in terms of resilience and reliability.

The energy generated by the project will stay local. Contrary to misunderstandings circulating, the power produced by solar energy systems is fed into the grid and then freely distributed to anyone and everyone along that line. Typically, the electrons stay as close to the point of generation as possible to service nearby demand.

Therefore, it stands to reason that we'll have increase energy security in our area, which I strongly feel is very important.

Bryson Milliken
663 Country Club Road
Cadiz, OH

2022-09-21

bryson.milliken@bhccenters.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I believe the project should be approved with local labor being used not only to help the local economy and progress with more green energy

Thanks Troy Stewart

Troy Stewart

626 North Fourth St
Steubenville, OH

2022-06-14

Tstewart@ikorcc.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

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Mason Sedgmer
516 5th St
Hopedale, OH

2022-09-21

sedgse0811@icloud.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I'm all for Oak Run Solar Project after learning of its significant size and therefore beneficial impact to the community and environment. Notably, it's estimated to generate up to 1,600 MW of clean electricity, enough to power approximately 342,000 Ohio households. With this scale comes the potential for extensive economic benefits to the tax base, including local schools, Madison County and the great state of Ohio.

Caleb Shaw
40420 Hanover Ridge Road
Jewett, OH

2022-09-21

cshaw@bhccenters.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

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Zach McAfee
46218 McAfee Rd
Jewett, OH

2022-09-21

zachory.mcafee@bhccenters.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

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Michael Wease
113 East High St
Jewett, OH

2022-09-21

weasemikey11@icloud.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

After learning about the ability of Oak Run Solar Project to power approximately 342,000 Ohio households, I'm all for it! With the large scale of this project comes the potential for extensive economic benefits to the host townships, school districts, Madison County, and the whole state of Ohio.

I'm in support of Oak Run Solar Project for the following reasons:

The new tax revenue for the host townships, school districts, and Madison County is estimated at \$7.2 million per year and \$252 million over the expected 35-year operating life of the project.

Tens of millions of dollars in new local earnings during construction and millions of dollars in new, local, long-term earnings in Madison County.

Several hundred local construction jobs during the construction phase.

Dozens of new long-term jobs in Madison County during the project's operating phase.

Mark Lichty
8798 Stone Rd
Litchfield, OH

2022-08-10
mlichty@ikorcc.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I support solar energy

Emily Bard
1827 36 Th St NW
Canton, OH

2022-06-25

emilybard1246g@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I'm in support of go green projects

Loie Hallug

7216 Longfield Dr
Madeira, OH

2022-06-25

loiehallug@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Solar is great

Keith Thomas
PO Box 61
South Charleston, OH

2022-06-25
keitht1962@aol.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

Solar would easily stabilize energy costs for many people and help alleviate the strain of increased usage for electric vehicles.

Zachary Hatfield
13 Murray Drive
South Charleston, OH

2022-06-25

Quidfreak9151@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I would love to have solar energy seems so much cleaner and efficient

Angie Williams

423 Selma Rd
Spfld, OH

2022-06-24

ikeatonlady0666@gmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners

Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I think this is a great project and I am excited to see how it is going to turn out!

Jalynne Nichols
119 Forest Edge Drive
Chillicothe, OH

2022-06-25

nichols199225@hotmail.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

As a working-class resident of Madison County, I'm in favor of the jobs that Oak Run Solar project will bring to our area.

Solar projects create good paying jobs during the construction and operations phases. Typical solar installers are paid over \$30 an hour, and operations and maintenance personnel are paid over \$70,000 per year on average.

This project in particular will be under construction for four to eight years, hiring several hundred workers to do everything from archeological surveys to excavating and electrical work. Once built, the project will continue to employ dozens of full-time operations and maintenance personnel. The opportunities for this kind of employment locally are few and far between. Keep good jobs local.

Remington Conley
33618 State Route 800
New Matamoras, OH

2022-09-21

remingtonconley@yahoo.com

To: Madison County Board of Commissioners
Re: Oak Run Solar Project

I am very encouraged by the proposed Oak Run Solar Project. I've always cared about the environment, and this project is a big opportunity to protect the land that we're leaving to our children and grandchildren.

In my understanding, solar farms "recycle" land by keeping it from being developed more intensively and permanently. Unlike commercial, industrial, and residential development, solar farms are decommissioned at the end of their life and the land can be turned back into open agricultural land. With several decades of growth of native grasses and no-tilling, the soil will be enhanced and ready for prime agricultural production.

Furthermore, agrivoltaics can combine solar energy generation with other forms of agriculture like sheep grazing, hay production, and beekeeping.

Lane Conley
45168 Ludolph Ridge Road
New Matamoras, OH

2022-09-21

lane.conley@swissohio.k12.oh.us

Attachment SM-3

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding/Term Sheet Between Oak Run Solar Project, LLC, the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio, and the Madison County Engineer

(See also Applicant Exhibit 14, Supplemental Response to
Second Data Request from the Board's Staff, Attachment
2, filed March 20, 2023, for MOU.)

Term Sheet – Solar Project Commitments

Between

Oak Run Solar Project, LLC,

Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio,

And

Madison County Engineer

This Term Sheet (“Term Sheet”) sets forth the terms to be used as a basis for drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between Oak Run Solar Project, LLC (“Oak Run”), the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio (“County Commissioners”), and the Madison County Engineer (“County Engineer”). The County Commissioners and the County Engineer are referred to as the “County”; and Oak Run, the County Commissioners, and the County Engineer are referred to as the “Parties”. The terms and understanding between the Parties pertain to the installation of solar-powered, electric generation, battery energy storage, and transmission line facilities (more specifically defined below as “Solar Project” or “Project”) on parcels of land located in Madison County, Ohio.

A. OBLIGATIONS OF OAK RUN:

1. Increase Payments to the Madison County General Revenue Fund and the Taxing Units

- a. Oak Run will increase its annual payments in lieu of taxes during operations to the Madison County General Revenue Fund and the taxing units **from \$9,000/MW to \$10,300/MW** to provide annual funding to West Jefferson and London City Schools as summarized in the below table:

Taxing District*	Annual Commitment (PILOT + Service Payment)	
	Current	Increased
Madison County General Fund	\$1,888,398	\$2,000,000
Veterans Relief	\$48,053	\$50,000
Mental Health	\$48,053	\$50,000
MRDD Health	\$384,427	\$385,000
Health Services	\$110,523	\$115,000
Senior Services	\$76,886	\$80,000
911	\$96,107	\$100,000
Library	\$144,160	\$145,000
Fire/Ambulance/Cemetery	\$744,827	\$745,000
Somerford Township	\$49,115	\$60,000
Monroe Township	\$33,703	\$60,000
Deercreek Township	\$53,978	\$60,000
London City Schools	\$138,710	\$500,000
Jonathan Alder Schools	\$3,229,368	\$3,230,000
West Jefferson Schools	N/A	\$500,000
Tolles Career & Technical Center	\$153,771	\$160,000
Total	\$7,200,000	\$8,240,000
\$/MW	\$9,000	\$10,300

2. Provide the potential option to convert a portion of annual payments to an upfront lump sum payment amount (either from Savion or via a 3rd-Party Financier) to the County or other Taxing Districts.

- a. For example, in place of the first 10 years of the County's General Fund annual \$2 million payment, the County could receive approximately **\$14 million as an upfront lump sum payment**. In year 11, the \$2 million annual payments would resume.

3. Work with the Ohio State University (OSU) to expand the Molly Caren Agricultural Center into a World Class, State-of-the-Art Facility to include:

- a. Agrivoltaics Center
 - i. Provide a national training center that will educate farmers on how to successfully and profitably farm on a solar project.
- b. O&M Center for Excellence (Facility/Regional Hub)
 - i. Potential for facility investment to support a Regional Hub to serve solar projects throughout the region.
 - ii. Potential to contribute as many as 50 Full-time Operation and Maintenance jobs
- c. Workforce Development Center for Renewable Energy Jobs
 - i. Work with the Tolles Career and Tech Center on a training program designed to provide both construction and operations workers an opportunity for on-the-job training for solar and Agrivoltaics, providing funding and support.
 - ii. Given the rapid growth in the adoption of renewable energy and the emergence of multiple solar developments planned in the region, the training program could help enable the County to become a regional center for building a skilled workforce.

4. Drive Job Creation

- a. Construction Jobs: Over 1,000 construction jobs during 48-month construction period, with local job fairs to recruit County workers
- b. Operating Jobs: Per above, the O&M Center for Excellence could potentially contribute as many as 50 Full-time Operation and Maintenance jobs
- c. Agrivoltaics Jobs: Contract with local residents to farm the property per Agrivoltaics commitments below

5. Agrivoltaics Commitments

- a. Agrivoltaics Center - Work with OSU to establish an Agrivoltaics Center at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center
- b. Farm between rows of solar panels on a minimum of 2,000 acres, with a goal of farming all acres suitable for agriculture both inside and outside the Project fencing, to be informed by the results of the on-going Department of Energy (DOE) study at the Madison Fields Solar Project.
- c. Contract with local residents to farm the property
- d. Grazing to be utilized to the extent available to maintain any vegetation on the property not being actively farmed
- e. Pollinator Habitat – To the extent it does not interfere with farming, Oak Run will work with the County on a vegetation plan that includes planting pollinator-friendly plants
- f. Farming Vehicle Green Way – Oak Run will work with the farming community to design and fund the construction of an access road suitable for farming vehicles through the Project boundaries that helps keep agricultural equipment off main thoroughfares.

- g. Land Use Post-Project - Develop a steering committee to facilitate best land use at project end-of-life: potentially returning land to community at end of project life, selling to local farmers or residents, or working with OSU to tackle the next advancement in agricultural technology.

6. Pre-Construction & Design

- a. Design Consultation – Project will provide County Engineer with a 30% design prior to site mobilization and/or start of construction, and allow the County Engineer at least one month to provide feedback to be incorporated into a 90% design prior to issuing bid packages to Engineering, Procurement, and Construction firms (EPCs).
- b. Construction Schedule – Project will provide County Engineer with a draft construction schedule prior to site mobilization and/or start of construction, and County Engineer will have the opportunity to review and approve the construction schedule.
- c. Power Sale Contract – Oak Run will not execute a power sale contract for a set price until the Parties have provided feedback on the design and schedule so the costs are understood and imputed in the power price, ensuring that the Project is built to the preferred specs of the County
- d. Designed to Farm - Project will be designed to allow for farming between the rows of panels. Design adjustments may include burying cables, inclusion of specific types of trackers, row spacing and general design modifications.
- e. Drain Tile Planning and Pre-Installation - Oak Run will implement drain tile planning that will include an analysis of drainage and a drain tile plan, which will be completed prior to completing 90% design. The new tile systems will be installed onsite prior to the start of construction as needed to ensure the site is adequately drained.
- f. A Grading and Agricultural Protection Plan will be submitted to the County Engineer at least 60 days prior to the preconstruction conference. The Plan will include:
 - iii. A program for establishing baseline data of pre-construction soil conditions for the production of crops
 - iv. A goal of grading no more 5%, but firmly limiting grading to no more than 20%, of the of the agricultural lands within the Project Area, as defined in the OPSB Application
 - v. Maps and geospatially referenced data for the grading areas, agricultural lands, and topsoil storage/stockpile areas.
 - vi. The Plan will include a commitment to follow best practices for preserving agricultural land, including, but not to be limited to: topsoil stockpiled separately from subsoil within the Project Area; cut-and-fill activity best practices; and preservation of grassed waterways.

7. Construction

- a. Lessons Learned - All lessons learned from the Madison Fields Solar Project, LLC, constructed pursuant to the certificate issued by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") in OPSB Case Nos. 19-1881-EL-BGN and 21-508-EL-BGA, that are directly applicable to the Oak Run Solar Project, will be incorporated into the Project's design and construction.
- b. Construction Manager - Oak Run will have a full time Project employee on the site for all construction management needs and the County Engineer or representative will have a direct line of communication to that individual.

- a. Engineering Representative - Oak Run will provide funding for an additional county engineering representative to monitor and work with the site.
- c. Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) - Prior to commencement of construction, Oak Run will enter into a RUMA with the County.
- d. Permit Approval and Compliance - Oak Run will obtain all applicable federal, state, or local permits; and comply with all applicable environmental statutes.
- e. Vehicle Conduct Law Enforcement - Oak Run will provide funding for additional law enforcement staff, or private security forces, to ensure that delivery vehicles are adhering to the law, within reason and to the extent the County or OPSB expresses the need.

8. Post-Construction/Operations

- a. Agrivoltaics - Oak Run commits to the Agrivoltaics assurances set forth above during Project operations.
- b. Stakeholder Engagement - Continue to collaborate with local stakeholders and the County.
- c. Upkeep - Conduct all necessary maintenance and upkeep tasks of the Solar Project.
- d. Respond to all public comments received in a timely manner.

B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY:

- 1. Collaborate with Oak Run to ensure that implementation of the above obligations in Section A are compatible with community standards and appropriate for the construction and operation of the Solar Project.
- 2. Ensure that all submitted plans, drawings, and information provided in accordance with Section A above are reviewed within a reasonable time period.
- 3. Inspect the progress of the Project, as needed.

C. This Term Sheet may be executed with counterpart signature pages and in duplicate originals, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall collectively constitute a single instrument.

D. EXCEPT FOR THE OBLIGATION OF EACH PARTY TO USE ITS DILIGENT GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON A BINDING MOU, THIS TERM SHEET DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A BINDING AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER TERMS SET FORTH HEREIN ARE SUBJECT TO THE PARTIES ENTERING INTO A DEFINITIVE MOU.

(The remainder of the page is intentionally blank. Signatures appear on following page.)

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Chairman, Madison County Commissioners

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Commissioner, Madison County Commissioners

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Commissioner, Madison County Commissioners

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Madison County Engineer

Date: _____

For Review Purposes:


By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Madison County Prosecutor

Date: _____

OAK RUN SOLAR PROJECT, LLC

By: 

Name: Drew Gibbons

Title: Vice President of Development

Date: 3/7/23

By: 

Name: Sarah Moser

Title: Director Farm Operations and Agrivoltaics

Date: 3/7/2023

Oak Run Solar Project, LLC
Case No. 22-549-EL-BGN
Case No. 22-550-EL-BTX

Attachment SM-4

Letters of Support



March 15, 2023

Ms. Sarah Moser
Director Farm Operations & Agrivoltaics
Savion, LLC
422 Admiral Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Sarah,

I'm writing to express our on-going interest in partnering with Savion, LLC to conduct research in the cutting-edge field of agrivoltaics. First and foremost, we appreciate Savion's willingness to modify the Madison Fields Solar Project site to support research funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's FARMS research initiative and award of the project titled *Agrivoltaics: Integrating Agricultural, Forage, and Livestock Production Systems in Utility-Scale Solar Farms* led by Dr. Braden Campbell. This project includes livestock and forage production trials using precision agriculture technologies in a utility-scale (180 MW) solar farm setting. My colleagues and I will plant forage crops, track forage production, and quantify soil health at this site. Overall, the complimentary practices of photovoltaics and crop production will demonstrate the long-term sustainability of agrivoltaic systems coupled with the ancillary benefit of sequestering carbon within the soil profile.

Looking to future opportunities, Ohio State researchers are interested in pursuing agrivoltaic practices for cereal and coarse grain crop production. Recent developments such as short stature corn hybrids and non-thermal microwave plasma reactors for producing nitrogen fertilizer (11 kWh/lb) will further enhance grain production via agrivoltaics. The latter process represents a significant, on-site replacement for the energy-intensive Haber-Bosch process. We live in unique times when multiple, proven technologies can be brought to bear on simultaneous solutions for decarbonization of our economy and intensification of food production to sustain an ever-expanding human population.

Ohio State can realize operational efficiencies through agrivoltaic grain production research near the Molly Caren Agricultural Center (MCAC). Added benefits include our ability to demonstrate agrivoltaics and allied technologies (e.g., private 4G LTE cellular networks for internet connectivity, small autonomous agricultural field machinery, in-situ sensor networks and weather stations, controlled tile drainage networks, and high clearance robotic irrigation systems) during the Farm Science Review (FSR). Over 110,000 farmers and other agricultural professionals travel to the MCAC during September to attend FSR.

We look forward to a continuing dialog with Savion and other prospective industry partners on how we might work together to drive ag tech innovation!

Regards,

Scott A. Shearer, Ph.D., P.E.
Professor and Chair

cc: Matt Butler, Program Administrator, PUCO
Scott Zeimet, CDO, Savion, LLC
Cathann Kress, Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean, CFAES, The Ohio State University
Adam Ward, Director of Government Affairs, CFAES, The Ohio State University

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**Majority Floor Leader Bill Seitz
The Ohio House of Representatives**

March 7th, 2023

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**DOCKETING DIVISION
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

Chair Jenifer French
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E Broad St
Columbus, OH 43215

CC: Mike Williams and Scott Elisar

RE: Oak Run Solar Generation Facility, OPSB Case No. 22-0549-EL-BGN

Dear Director Williams,

I write today in support of the renewable energy development project in Madison County; the Oak Run Solar Generation Facility.

As a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 52, I understand the desire of local municipalities to govern the scope of projects that occur in their jurisdictions. However, when the General Assembly passed SB 52, there was also a desire to grandfather in late-stage projects that have followed the proper channels in their development. The Oak Run facility fits the bill to be grandfathered. Thus, while localized opposition to a grandfathered project may be of some relevance, it is by no means determinative as it would otherwise be if the project had not been protected by the grandfathering clauses of SB 52.

For some time now, Savion Solar, the company responsible for the development of the Oak Run facility, has been working with the community and local business leaders to ensure that the project will benefit the surrounding area. Savion has agreed to coexist with farmers and allow them to plant and harvest crops on site. So, the location serves multiple purposes. The company has already invested over \$10 million into the project as well. What's more, this project will provide jobs and tax benefits to the local residents.

Therefore, I believe that the Oak Run project fits the Ohio Power Siting Board criteria to be grandfathered and I would urge your approval of the project's certificate application.

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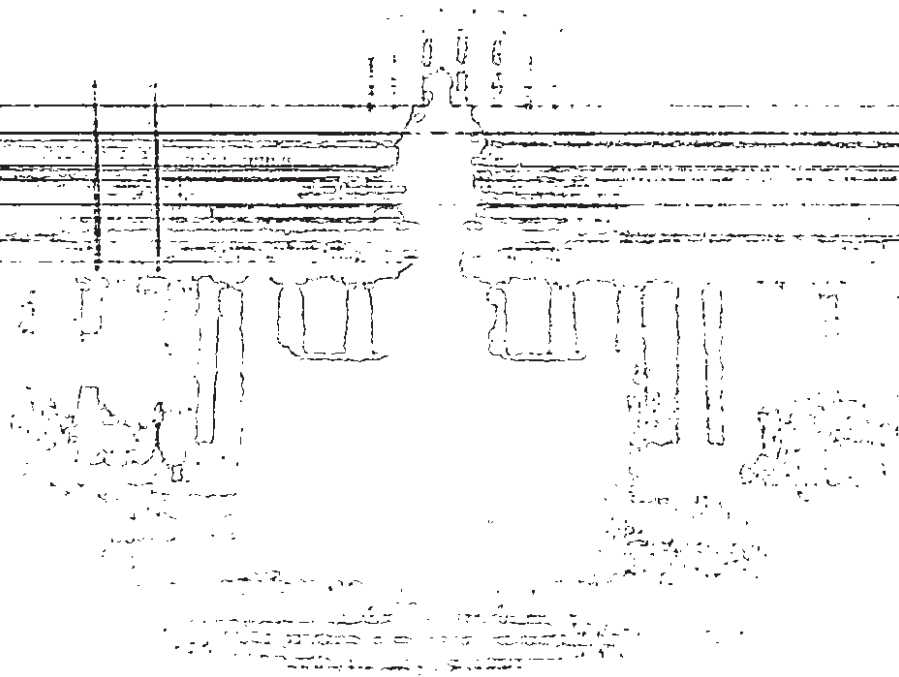
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Sincerely,

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William J. Seitz

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Ohio House of Representatives
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State Representative

Chair Jenifer French

Ohio Power Siting Board

180 E Broad St Columbus, OH 43215

CC: Mike Williams and Scott Elisar

RE: Oak Run Solar Generation Facility, OPSB Case No. 22-0549-EL-BGN

Dear Chair French,

I wanted to voice my support for the Oak Run Solar and Storage Project in Madison County.

I served as the Chair of the House Public Utilities Committee during the Senate Bill 52 debate. The goal of this legislation was to allow more local input into the siting process while ensuring that late-stage projects were grandfathered and protected. Additionally, the Ohio Power Siting Board was to look at best practices and work with the industry on new rules that protect both landowners while allowing economic development.

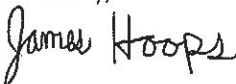
The Oak Run project fits the bill to be grandfathered, other than the addition of the two ad-hoc members. Thus, while reasonable local input into a project is important and warranted, it is by no means determinative. The company has already invested almost \$15 million in the development of the project.

It is my understanding Savion has been working with the local community to ensure that the project will benefit the surrounding area. Oak Run would provide opportunity for the county and region to receive a minimum of \$7.2 million annually for all taxing districts over 30 years. Further, Savion is planning on working with farmers in the area and allow solar and farming to co-exist. The company has recently won a \$1.8 million grant from the Department of Energy to farm alfalfa and hay at their other solar project in Madison County.

It is worth noting, Savion announced last month an agreement to purchase 2.6 gigawatts of panels from First Solar, Inc. This announcement is significant as First Solar is the only U.S. headquartered company among the world's largest solar manufacturers, and located in Perrysburg, Ohio. First Solar has additionally announced plans to expand its existing Perrysburg operations with a \$270 million research and development innovation center, expected to open in 2024 and to create 200 jobs.

This project is one of the largest solar and storage projects in the entire country and if developed will be a crown jewel of Ohio's energy economy. PJM testified recently we may face an energy shortfall by the end of the decade. Oak Run will allow Ohio to grow, attract investment from Fortune 500 companies, and meet that demand.

Sincerely,



Rep. Jim Hoops

 **FILE**

From: Puco ContactOPSB
To: PUCO-Docketing
Subject: public comment 22-0549-EL-BGN
Date: Friday, March 17, 2023 10:36:28 AM

From: mark forrest <mforrest522@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 8:37 PM
To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>; Butler, Matthew <matthew.butler@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Oak Run Permitting

Dear Chairwoman French OPSB,

I know Oak Run Solar is a very controversial subject, bringing many people at odds against each other. The following points show just some of the reasons I believe it should be permitted.

The first involves landowner property rights. Permitting this project allows them to have control of their property.

Secondly, the revenues would be helpful to many county agencies, as demonstrated in the chart below. This would help offset the need for additional millage or possibly lower millage required in new levees. Furthermore, the County Commissioners additional revenue could be used to offset the shortfalls the County Engineer has, in his road maintenance fund, which is insufficient due to short fallings in gas tax.

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Another concern is drainage. We now know it can be properly addressed with the help of the County Engineer and the Sighting Board, thus eliminating the issues of neighboring property owners concerns.

In conclusion, I have been studying and researching solar the past seven years beginning with Denison University, which I feel gives me exceptional insights on the pros and cons of utility grade solar. I feel it is my duty to do what's best for all the residents of Madison County. Allowing Oak Run to be permitted would be advantageous for the taxpayers of our county.

Sincerely,
Mark A Forrest



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Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

Mr. Matt Butler
Ohio Power Sitting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Oak Run Solar Project, 22-0549-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Butler:

Please accept this letter as evidence of my strong support and enthusiasm for the proposed Oak Run Solar Project in Madison County. I believe this project has the potential to be a catalyst for future, positive development as well as a boon to local government agencies and schools.

Although Madison County is contiguous to a county that houses our country's 14th largest city, the county remains predominantly farmland and proudly retains its rich agricultural roots. After all, we are the home of the Farm Science Review, one of the largest farm exhibitions in the world. This being stated, I was excited to become the superintendent of this district eight years ago, because I could anticipate the potential for positive development in this area. During my time as superintendent, housing starts have begun to grow, multiple distribution centers have been established, and overall interest in the development of the area has increased exponentially. Unlike 90% of districts in Ohio, my school district's enrollment has increased over the last eight years. As a board member for Madison County Future, Inc., the county's economic development arm, I know firsthand the interest in the development of this area continues to build. Not only do I believe the Oak Run Solar Project can be a part of the positive growth of this area, I believe it could be an important catalyst for development and innovation while helping Madison County retain its agricultural identity.

Aside from the financial benefits that would befall my school district, I am intrigued by the prospect of a large-scale Agrivoltaics Research site so close to our district. In my opinion, the potential for this research, the possible involvement of The Ohio State University, and the opportunity to engage other related organizations could assist Madison County in honoring its traditional agricultural roots as well as leveraging the county for future innovation. I would be remiss if I did not also admit I have already considered the possibility of internships, research projects, field trips, and other educational opportunities that may exist for our students should the project be approved.

Thank you for your consideration of my support of this project. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully

Dr. Lou Kramer
District Superintendent

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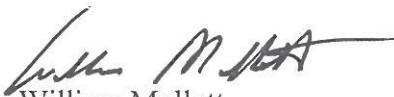
Mr. Butler,

It is with great enthusiasm that I support Oak Run Solar Project's application to the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Oak Run Solar Project promises to be a large investment in our community that we cannot afford to ignore. It is expected to bring in over \$250 million in new tax revenue, which will benefit local schools and students. This revenue can help fund education initiatives, improve school facilities, and support extracurricular programs. Additionally, the project will contribute to the county's overall economic growth and sustainability efforts. The community supports this project and the significant benefits that it will bring to Madison County!

I am pleased to pledge my support to Oak Run Solar Project and ask that you favorably consider its application.

Sincerely,



William Mullett
Superintendent



Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Susan R. Thompson
Superintendent

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Dear Mr. Butler:

Please accept this letter as my complete support and excitement for the proposed Oak Run Solar Project in Madison County. I believe that this project will assist Madison County in continuing down the path of innovation, new business, clean energy and retention of our agricultural identity.

As our county continues to grow, the numbers of individuals that we are serving continues to climb. As an agency that serves individuals with disabilities from birth to death, we are seeing a large increase in younger people that have intense needs. Our county does an amazing job embracing individuals with disabilities and the funding provided by the Oak Run Solar Project will help us continue to work towards meeting the increasing needs of those that we serve.

The Oak Run Solar Project is a huge investment in our great county that will not only benefit our agency, but it will also improve the overall economic growth and sustainability efforts of the entire county.

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Madison County is leading by example! I hope that you will favorably consider Oak Run's application.

Please reach out to me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,


Susan Thompson
Superintendent

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Matthew Butler
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Dear Mr. Butler,

As America's largest solar manufacturer, and operator of the Western Hemisphere's largest solar manufacturing footprint, which is located in Ohio, First Solar strongly supports the development of solar power projects in the state, such as Oak Run.

First Solar has had a manufacturing presence in Perrysburg, Ohio since 2002. Since then, we have grown from a single factory manufacturing 1.5 megawatts (MW) of solar panels a year to the largest vertically integrated solar manufacturing complex outside of China with three operating factories and an annual nameplate capacity of over five gigawatts (GW). Our global manufacturing footprint is expected to exceed 20 GW by 2026, which includes a \$185 million expansion of our Northwest Ohio manufacturing footprint announced in 2022.

While we have already invested over \$1.5 billion in our research and development (R&D) activity in the United States, we are also building a new \$270 million R&D innovation center in Perrysburg that is expected to accelerate American leadership in advanced thin film photovoltaics (PV). We directly employ over 2,000 people in the state, while supporting an estimated 11,000 indirect and induced jobs.

As First Solar has grown in the state, so too has our value chain. Walbridge-headquartered Rudolph Libbe built our factories, NSG Glass North America, Inc. in Luckey supplies our glass, and ICE Industries has built a new facility in Bowling Green to produce steel rails for our solar panels using steel produced by Worthington Industries in Delta. First Solar's presence offers Ohio the unique position of being the home of American Solar - it is the only state that has virtually every aspect of the photovoltaic solar value chain, from R&D to recycling.

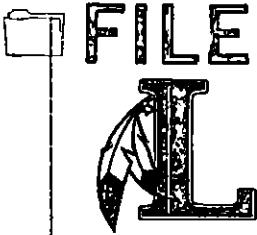
Against this backdrop, it is clear that solar manufacturing delivers significant value to Ohio, creating and supporting American jobs and investments in manufacturing. What is more is that harnessing reliable, cost-competitive solar electricity allows Ohio to diversify its energy portfolio using technology that was designed and developed in the state, while also attracting companies seeking to power their operations with clean energy delivered by facilities such as Oak Run.

There should be no doubt solar energy represents an opportunity for Ohio and that projects such as Oak Run enable that opportunity.

Kind Regards,

Samantha Sloan
Vice President, Policy, Sustainability, and Marketing

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Dear Mr. Butler,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the Oak Run Solar Project.

I am currently the President of the London City School District. Part of my duties being an elected representative of our school district is to ensure that the school system is financially responsible. The Oak Run Solar project will likely generate colossal tax revenue that would benefit not only Madison County, Ohio, but the London School District as well. The increase in funds received would assist our ever-growing school district with educational programs, facilities, and extracurricular activities.

Also included in my duties on the Board of Education is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed. Further research into the Oak Run Solar Project showed me that their desirable involvement with The Ohio State University would also positively impact Madison County. Our students can already work with the Farm Science Review every year. An expansion to involve students from our district to participate in a one of a kind Agrivoltaics Research Project would be monumental.

Respectfully,

Donovan Cooper
President – London City Schools
Board of Education

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Dear Mr. Butler,

I am writing to voice my support along with Superintendent Mullett for the proposed Oak Run Solar Project in Madison County. We firmly believe that this project will provide a direct benefit to the residents of Madison County, not only today but also for the foreseeable future.

There are numerous benefits that would result from this project moving forward. First and foremost, residents from Madison County and surrounding areas will see an economic benefit due to the need for construction jobs associated with the project as well as the ongoing support needed to keep the site operational. Madison County is home to Tolles Career and Technical Center, which is one of the premier career-technical schools in the state. Students from Madison, Franklin, and Union Counties attend Tolles to receive training in the skills needed to be successful in their careers after high school graduation, often in trades that do not require a college degree. Having a solar project in these students' backyards that could use their training from Tolles to build or operate will help keep these skilled workers in the area and contribute to the local economy.

Secondly, the project revenues associated with taxes and payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) will help ensure local governments are able to fund and operate the many vital services they are tasked with. For instance, the \$500,000 in PILOT revenue for Jefferson Local School District can go a long way towards maintaining the District's facilities, replacing its bus fleet, or implementing technology within the District. The PILOT payment is effectively worth 2 mills of property tax, which will help alleviate the tax burden for District residents.

Finally, there are ecological benefits of the proposed project. Savion's commitment to work with the Ohio State University to establish an Agrivoltaics Center at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center to help farmers learn how to benefit from such projects can help develop future solar projects in the state while maintaining valuable farmland. The field of agriculture is rapidly changing, so the important research that the Agrivoltaics Center can provide will help the agricultural field thrive for the decades to come. Contracting with local farmers for use of their land can also provide an extra source of revenue for the small family farms that has fed America for generations. Savion's commitment to plant pollinator friendly plants will also help the environment for our children and their children.

I am genuinely excited for this project and think there even more benefits than just the ones listed above. Thank you for your consideration of my support for this project. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,


Mark Ingles
Treasurer/CFO

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