

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In The Matter of The Application of)	
Circleville Solar, LLC for a Certificate of)	Case No. 22-0117-EL-BTX
Environmental Compatibility and Public)	
Need For a Generation Tie Transmission)	
Line in Pickaway County, Ohio)	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF**

Mark Bellamy

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

STAFF EX. ____

May 18, 2023

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Mark C. Bellamy. My business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a
7 Utility Specialist in the Facility Review and Compliance Division of the
8 Power Siting Department.
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background.

11 A. My education includes earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in
12 Chemistry from Arkansas State University.
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14 4. Q. Please summarize your work experience.

15 A. Prior to my employment with the PUCO, I served six years in the U.S. Navy
16 as a Machinist's Mate on a submarine. I operated and maintained
17 atmosphere control equipment, as well as performed duties as a quality
18 assurance inspector. After the Navy, I was employed as a high school
19 science teacher. I joined the staff of the PUCO in 2009. My duties include
20 review and analysis of power siting cases.

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5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board)?

A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.

6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted in the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed April 7, 2023, in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff Report in this case. In addition, as a signatory party, Staff supports the Joint Stipulation that was filed in this docket on May 9, 2023.

7. Q. What kind of case is this?

A. The Applicant proposes to develop, construct, and operate a 3.9-mile 138 kV transmission line to be located in Pickaway County, Ohio, which will connect the Circleville Solar Facility (21-1090-EL-BGN) to the transmission grid. Staff recommends this project be approved only if the Circleville Solar Facility (21-1090-EL-BGN) is approved.

1 8. Q. Please summarize the Board's staff's (Staff's) investigation that was
2 conducted in this case.

3 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
4 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information from
5 the Applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that compose the Board
6 along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a Staff
7 Report of Investigation that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and
8 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff recommends
9 that the Board approve the application, subject to the 24 conditions that are
10 presented in the Stipulation.

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12 9. Q. What impacts did Staff review for the project in arriving at this conclusion?

13 A. Staff reviewed various types of land use impacts including residential,
14 recreational, institutional, ecological, cultural resources, agricultural, and
15 overall geological suitability. Staff also reviewed the financial, noise, safety,
16 and aesthetic impacts of the project.

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1 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

2 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
3 mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to
4 positions taken by other parties.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Mark Bellamy on Behalf of The Staff of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Power Siting Department** was served by electronic mail to the following parties of record, this 18th day of May, 2023.

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