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Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary  
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**Re: Case No. 23-930-EL-BGN - In the Matter of the Application of Richwood Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility in Defiance and Paulding Counties, Ohio.**

**Response to Fifth Data Request from Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Attached please find Richwood Solar, LLC's ("Applicant's") Response to the Fifth Data Request from the staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB Staff"). The Applicant provided this response to OPSB Staff on June 7, 2024.

We are available, at your convenience, to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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LLC for a Certificate of Environmental )  
Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar- ) Case No. 23-930-EL-BGN  
Powered Electric Generation Facility in Union )  
County, Ohio. )

**RICHWOOD SOLAR, LLC'S  
RESPONSE TO THE FIFTH DATA REQUEST  
FROM THE STAFF OF THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

On January 23, 2024, Richwood Solar, LLC (“Applicant”), filed an application (“Application”) with the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”) proposing to construct a solar-powered electric generation facility in Union County, Ohio (“Project” or “Facility”).

On May 31, 2024, the Staff of the OPSB (“OPSB Staff”) provided the Applicant with OPSB Staff’s Fifth Data Request. Now comes the Applicant providing the following response to the Fifth Data Request from the OPSB Staff.

**Gas Pipeline**

- 1. What is the distance between solar farm equipment and the right-of-way for the natural gas pipeline identified on Figure 1?**

**Response:** The natural gas pipeline identified in Figure 1 of the Application filed on January 23, 2024, was located based on data from the National Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level Database. The ALTA survey for the Project Area did reveal a recorded blanket pipeline easement for this parcel but did not specify a width or its location. During final design, the Applicant will contact the pipeline owner to verify the actual location of the pipeline using non-intrusive detection equipment. Once the location is determined and the owner’s right of way (“ROW”) and crossing specifications are determined, no Facility infrastructure other than potentially collection lines or access roads will be constructed within the pipeline ROW. The location of the natural gas pipeline found through the

national data base and reflected in Figure 1 is located within the setback area committed to by the Applicant for this Project and no infrastructure will be placed within the setback area. Based on Figure 1, the distance from the pipeline to the closest solar panel is 86 feet

**2. Does Richwood Solar, LLC plan to cross over or under the natural gas pipeline with any machinery or underground electric collection network?**

**Response:** Once the ROW of the gas pipeline is determined, the only construction activities within the ROW would potentially be construction of access roads and collection lines. Access road crossings would only be performed if there are no alternative access road routes to avoid the pipeline. If an access road crossing is necessary, then the pipeline owner's specifications for a pipeline road crossing will be followed. Any collection lines that may need to cross the pipeline will be installed via horizontal directional drilling ("HDD") in coordination with the pipeline owner. The ROW will be marked during construction and machinery will only be allowed to cross where approved by the pipeline owner.

**3. Does Richwood Solar, LLC plan to perform any construction activities within the right-of-way of the natural gas pipeline?**

**Response:** Other than construction associated with the activities mentioned in response to question 2 above, which will be coordinated with the natural gas pipeline owner, the Applicant does not intend on performing construction activities within the gas pipeline ROW.

**4. Some public data suggests that the pipeline may be further west than delineated in the Application. Please confirm the mapped location of the gas pipeline.**

**Response:** A site visit was performed on June 5, 2024, and pipeline markers were found on State Route 37 and Askins Road. The location of these roadside markers suggest that the

pipeline is located further west of the mapped location in Figure 1 and east of State Route 4. A shapefile of the approximate location of the gas pipeline (based on these roadside markers) will be provided to OPSB Staff. Based on information found on the roadside markers, the pipeline is owned by the Columbia Gas Transmission Company. As mentioned in response to question 1 above, the exact location of the gas pipeline (including locations between roadside markers) will be determined during final design. The Facility layout will be modified to avoid the pipeline and its ROW as determined with Columbia Gas Transmission Company. Assuming the pipeline is in the general vicinity of the pipeline markers, access road pipeline crossings will not be required for the Facility. The only crossing that might be required is for collection lines that will be installed with HDD in coordination with Columbia Gas Transmission Company.

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