

Ohio Power Siting Board

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Case #23-0931-EL-BGN Stark Solar, LLC

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to document my opposition of the solar development project in Washington Township, Stark County, Ohio. Case #23-0931-EL-BGN Stark Solar, LLC

Although the reasons are numerous for opposition, I would like to highlight the below overarching reasons at this time:

1. The health and safety of the community is compromised, including but not limited to elementary schools, nursing homes, public recreational areas and township residents near the project area that would be impacted in cases of fire, ground or water contamination, transportation problems and natural disasters.
2. The ecological resources being affected including tree clearing, endangered species, wetlands, nearby water source and erodible soils both during and post construction.
3. The land use and community development that is contradicted at both the township and county level. As seen in the prior Washington Township zoning regulations, recent township resolutions, prior regional planning uses for agricultural land versus vacant land, surrounding townships resolutions in opposition of large solar projects, and vigorous opposition of individuals throughout the township, county, and state.
4. The cultural and archaeological resources that will be negatively impacted due to visual impacts that contrast with the current rural views.
5. The impacts of the prime agricultural land including, no crop production for 40-years, a lease to a foreign company, negative drainage tile and water runoff impacts, decreased soil health and top-soil disturbance.

For these reasons and more I am in STRONG OPPOSITION of the solar development project in Washington Township, Stark County, Ohio. I ask that you please vote to deny this permit.

I would like to thank you for your time.



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