

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of
Stark Solar LLC for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public
Need to Construct a Solar-Powered
Electric Generation Facility in Stark
County, Ohio

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⋮ Case No. 23-0931-EL-BGN
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Mark Bellamy**

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

STAFF EX. ____

September 10, 2024

1 1. Q. Please state your name and 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
12 in 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.
16 Navy 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 (Staff) in 2009. My duties
20 include review and analysis of power siting cases.

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

3 A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.
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5 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

6 A. I am sponsoring portions of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report)
7 that was filed in the docket of this case on July 22, 2024. Specifically, I am
8 sponsoring the Staff Report subsections titled Agricultural Districts and
9 Land, Noise, and Cultural Resources.
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11 7. Q. Are you sponsoring any conditions in the Staff Report? If so, which ones?

12 A. Yes. I am sponsoring conditions 24, 25, 41, 53, and 59.
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14 8. Q. Why is Staff recommending these conditions?

15 A. As discussed in the Staff Report, Condition 24 is needed to minimize
16 damage to functioning field tile drainage systems. Condition 25 is needed
17 to minimize impacts to agricultural land. Condition 41 is needed to
18 minimize impacts to cultural resources. Condition 53 is needed to set limits
19 on construction hours. Condition 59 is needed to set operational limits on
20 noise.
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1 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Mark Bellamy**, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Power Siting Department, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 10th day of September 2024.

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