

July 30, 2021

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Ridgedale school district - attn: Superintendent Robert Britton
3103 Hillman Ford Rd
Morrill, OH, 43337

Re: Notice – Marion County Solar Project Procedural Schedule Set

Dear Ridgedale school district - attn: Superintendent Robert Britton:

On March 5, 2021, as supplemented on March 31, 2021, Marion County Solar Project, LLC filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) proposing to construct a solar-powered electric generation facility in Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio (OPSB Case No. 21-36-EL-BGN). The facility will have a maximum total project generating capacity of up to 100 megawatts. The purpose of the facility is to generate electricity and is intended to fill the need for a more diverse national energy portfolio that will include a higher percentage of energy generated through the use of renewable resources.

On July 27, 2021, the OPSB established the procedural schedule in this case. Attached is the public notice regarding the Marion County Solar Project.

Very truly yours,

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Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

Marion County Solar Project, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Savion, LLC, is proposing to build the Marion County Solar Project, a solar-powered generation facility located in Marion Township, Marion County. The facility will have a maximum total project generating capacity of up to 100 megawatts. The purpose of the facility is to generate electricity and is intended to fill the need for a more diverse national energy portfolio that will include a higher percentage of energy generated through the use of renewable resources.

Marion County Solar Project, LLC filed its application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility in OPSB Case No. 21-36-EL-BGN. A copy of the application is available on the OPSB website at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=21-36&x=0&y=0> and Marion County Solar's website at www.marioncountysolarproject.com.

On July 27, 2021, the OPSB established the procedural schedule in this case. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed facility. The public hearing in Marion County Solar's OPSB case shall consist of two parts:

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the OPSB shall accept oral testimony from any person, commencing on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Evers Arena, 220 E. Fairground St., Marion Ohio 43302.
- (2) An adjudicatory hearing to commence on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Consistent with CDC Guidelines and the May 17, 2021 Ohio Department of Health Order, unless otherwise specified by the facility, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a face covering and socially distance. Please contact the legal department at 614-466-6843 to ask any questions or request accommodations related to health protocols.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the OPSB's website at <https://opsb.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/opsb/help-center/contact-us>, by electronic mail to contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail to the OPSB 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Written comments should reference Case No. 21-36-EL-BGN.

The following officials have received electronic copies of the accepted complete application filed with the OPSB: Marion County Commissioners; Marion County Engineer; Marion County Auditor's office; Marion City/County Regional Planning Commission; Marion Township Trustees; Marion Township Fiscal Officer; Marion Township Fire Department; and, Marion CanDo (Economic Development). In addition, the following library was sent an electronic copy of the application, as well as notices to post regarding the application: Marion Public Library, 445 East Church Street, Marion, OH 43302. A copy of the application is also available for inspection at the OPSB offices, 180 E. Broad St., 11th floor, Columbus, OH 43215, 1-866-270-6772, and is available on the OPSB website at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=21-36&x=0&y=0> and Marion County Solar's website at www.marioncountysolarproject.com

In reviewing an application to construct, operate, and maintain a generation facility, such as the facility proposed by Marion County Solar, the OPSB considers the following criteria set forth in Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4906.10(A): (1) The nature of the probable environmental impact; (2) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations; (3) That the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability; (4) That the facility will comply with R.C. 3704, 3734, and 6111 and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under R.C. 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32; (5) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (6) In addition to the provisions contained in R.C. 4906.10(A)(1) to (6) and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on

the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under R.C. 929 that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility; and (7) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the OPSB, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

R.C. 4906.07(C) provides that the chairperson of the OPSB shall cause each application filed with the OPSB to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the OPSB and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to R.C. 4906.10(A) and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

In accordance with R.C. 4906.08(C), the OPSB shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the OPSB may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony. Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-09, or by August 31, 2021, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 21-36-EL-BGN.

The following map shows the proposed layout of the Marion County Solar facility. An online version of the map and a link to additional detailed maps can be found here: www.marioncountysolarproject.com.

