Power Siting Board

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Minutes of the Ohio Power Siting Board Meeting
June 26, 2025– 1:30 p.m.

Present:
Jenifer French, Chair, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Kelly McCloud, Designee for Brian Baldridge, Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture
Jack Christopher, Designee for Lydia Mihalik, Director, Ohio Department of Development
Jessica Langdon, Designee for John Logue, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Damian Sikora, Designee for Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
W. Gene Phillips, Designee for Bruce Vanderhoff, Director, Ohio Department of Health
Gregory Slone, Public Member
Jeffrey Jones, Legal Director, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Nick Walstra, Legal Department, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Representative Adam Holmes
Senator Kent Smith
Senator Shane Wilkin
Bill Pursel, Ad Hoc Member, representing Knox County Board of Commissioners
Galen Smith, Ad Hoc Member, representing Clinton and Miller Townships

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This meeting was convened pursuant to the regular agenda issued on June 19, 2025, for the week of June 23, 2025.

The minutes of the May 22, 2025 Board meeting was approved by the Board members.

The Board met for the purpose of considering the following cases and to act upon the proposed Entries and Orders.

Signing Session: June 26, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Chair French welcomed Ad Hoc Board Members Bill Pursel, Commissioner, Knox County Board of Commissioners and Galen Smith, Township Representative for Clinton and Miller Townships.

1.	23-796-EL-BGN	In the Matter of the Application of Frasier Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct a Solar-Powered Electric Generation Facility. (Opinion and order considering application)	Motion approved and seconded, vote 8-1. Dissenting: Ad Hoc Member Smith. .

The Department of Agriculture stated that they voted in favor of the project, but they have concerns about the project's impact on agricultural land and in agricultural districts. The Department of Agriculture filed a Concurring Opinion with the Opinion and Order.

2.	17-1907-EL-BTX	In the Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Bell Ridge-Devola 138kV Transmission Line Project. (Order on certificate considering application)	Stricken from the June 26, 2025 agenda.
3.	25-263-EL-BGA	In the Matter of the Application of New Market Solar ProjectCo 1, LLC and New Market Solar ProjectCo 2, LLC for an Amendment to Their Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. (Order on certificate considering application)	Motion approved and seconded, vote 7-0.

Senator Wilkin shared his experience with another project and issues with noise complaints. He further stressed that a project's operation and maintenance should be inspected to ensure they are not disturbing people's enjoyment of their property.

Chair French thanked Senator Wilkin and noted that she will have Staff reach out for a more specific conversation.

4.	24-495-EL-BGA	In the Matter of the Application of Firelands Wind, LLC for a Third Amendment to its Certificate to Install and Operate the Emerson Creek Wind Farm Project in Erie and Huron Counties, Ohio. (Entry considering application)	Motion approved and seconded, vote 7.0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:37 p.m.

/s/Jenifer French
By: Jenifer French
Chair

/s/Tanowa M. Troupe
By: Tanowa M. Troupe
Secretary