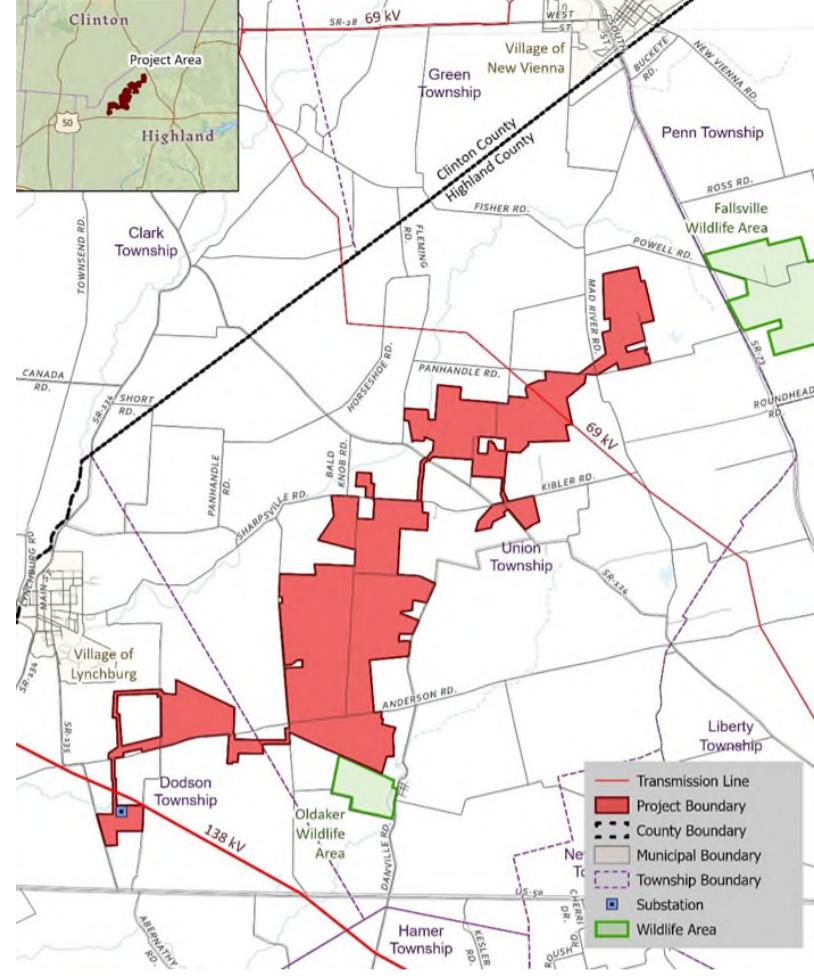


Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

Palomino Solar Energy Project

Palomino Solar, LLC (Palomino Solar), an affiliate of Innergex Renewable Energy, Inc., proposes to develop the Palomino Solar Energy Project, a 200-megawatt alternating-current (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar-powered electric generation facility (Facility) and associated facilities in Highland County (Project). The purpose of the Project is to maximize energy production from solar resources to deliver clean, renewable electricity to the Ohio bulk power transmission system to serve the needs of electric utilities, corporations, and their customers. The Project will be located across approximately 2,700 acres, with an anticipated area to be impacted of 1,410 acres, and will consist generally of the Facility, underground electrical collection lines, inverters, a substation, an operations and maintenance building, access roads, fence lines, weather stations, and laydown yards. The Project is anticipated to positively impact both the local economy and environment by hiring at least 80 percent Ohio-domiciled construction workers, producing significant tax revenue and other economic benefits for the area, and producing emission-free electricity. A map showing the location and general layout of the Project is here.



Palomino Solar has filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) to construct, operate, and maintain the Project in Case No. 21-0041-EL-BGN, which is now pending before the Board. Copies of the application were served upon the Highland County Commissioners, Highland County Engineer, Highland Soil & Water Conservation District, Highland County Planning Commission, Village of Lynchburg, Village of New Vienna, Dodson Township Board of Trustees, Dodson Township Fiscal Officer, Union Township Board of Trustees, and the Union Township Fiscal Officer. Copies of the application were also provided to and are available for public review at the Hillsboro Public Library and the Lynchburg Branch Library. The full case record can be found via the Board's website at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=21-0041-EL-BGN>. Alternatively, a link to the Board's website with the full case record, including PDFs of the application, can be found via Palomino Solar's website at <https://www.innergex.com/palomino-solar-project/>. To obtain additional information about obtaining a hard copy of the application or to request help accessing electronic records, reach out to Palomino Solar at (508) 404-9796 or palomino@innergex.com. You can also reach out to the Board directly by calling (866) 270-6772.

The Board utilizes the following criteria for reviewing an application for a major utility facility pursuant to R.C. 4906.10(A):

1. The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;
2. The nature of the probable environmental impact;
3. 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;
4. In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, 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;
5. That the facility will comply with Revised Code Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under R.C. 4561.32. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under R.C. 4561.32, the Board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under R.C. 4561.341;
6. That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
7. The impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under R.C. Chapter 929 that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under R.C. 4906.10(A)(7) shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site; and
8. That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed Project. The public hearing for this proceeding shall consist of two parts and will be conducted in-person:

1. A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on June 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., at Wharton Building, Highland County Fairgrounds, 604 John Street #1030, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.
2. An evidentiary hearing commencing on July 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is for Applicant, Staff, and any intervenors to provide evidence regarding the Application. To participate in the adjudicatory hearing, intervention is necessary.

Petitions to intervene in the evidentiary hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4606-3-09, or May 27, 2022, whichever is later. However, the Board 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 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 with a reference to Case No. 21-41-EL-BGN.

Attendees at the local public hearing and the evidentiary hearing should follow the most recent CDC and/or local health authority guidelines. Please contact the legal department at 614-466-6843 to ask any questions or request accommodations related to health protocols.

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-09(A)(1), Palomino Solar served notice of its accepted, complete application on March 15, 2022.