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STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of
OTISVILLE PV I, LLC
for a Renewable Energy or Storage CASE NO. U-21956
Facility Certificate to construct a
solar energy facility.

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE
VOLUME 5
BEFORE THE HONORABLE THERESA STALEY
Via Microsoft Teams - Thursday, July 23, 2026

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1 Taken via Microsoft Teams

2 Thursday, July 23, 2026

3 Commencing at 10:02 a.m.

4 THE COURT: We are on the record in case
5 number U-21956, captioned in the matter of the
6 application of Otisville PV I, LLC for renewable
7 energy or storage facility certificate to construct
8 a solar energy facility. Today is July 23rd, 2026,
9 and is the date and time set for a prehearing
10 conference in this matter. My name is Theresa
11 Staley. I am the administrative law judge assigned
12 to this matter by the Michigan Office of
13 Administrative Hearings and Rules. May I have
14 appearances for the record, please, starting with
15 the applicant?

16 MS. WILSON: Good morning, Judge. Frances
17 Belzer Wilson on behalf of the company. Here with
18 me today are my colleagues Aidan Schurig and Tyler
19 Tennent, and our representatives from the company
20 also online, including Sean Cullen.

21 THE COURT: All right. Good morning. And
22 then staff, please.

23 MS. STIRLING: Good morning, Your Honor.
24 Anna Stirling on behalf of the Michigan Public
25 Service Commission's staff. Also appearing on

1 behalf of staff in this matter are Nicholas Taylor
2 and Adam Cozort.

3 THE COURT: All right. Good morning. And
4 the townships.

5 MR. GILDNER: Good morning. Michael
6 Gildner for Forest and Thetford Townships.

7 THE COURT: All right. Good morning, Mr.
8 Gildner. My understanding is Dr. Brouet did email
9 me yesterday and indicated she would not be present
10 today, but was satisfied with the proposed schedule.
11 So she is not here today, but I did have advance
12 notice. Tilson Family Farms, Mr. Tilson.

13 MR. TILSON: Gary Tilson, on, thank you.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Good
15 morning. All right. The first order of business is
16 that the primary -- one of the primary reasons we
17 are here today is that there is a petition to
18 intervene that was filed by Genesee County in this
19 matter. Are there any objections to the
20 intervention of Genesee County in this matter?

21 MS. WILSON: On behalf of -- on behalf of
22 the applicant, no. No.

23 THE COURT: Okay. And I'm sorry, I will -
24 - I forgot to take an appearance for the town or for
25 the county. I will have you enter your appearance.

1 MR. COOPER: Good morning, Your Honor.

2 Tom Cooper, appearing for Rhonda Stowers on behalf
3 of the petitioner Genesee County.

4 THE COURT: Thank you. Good morning, Mr.
5 Cooper. My apologies. Okay. Having no -- hearing
6 no objections to the intervention of Genesee County,
7 the petition to intervene by Genesee County is
8 granted. Now, it is my understanding that the
9 parties have been able to reach a new consensus
10 schedule for this case. And I just want to put on
11 the record that I did ask for an adjustment to that
12 case yesterday due to some other conflicts, and the
13 parties have still been able to work out a new
14 schedule for this case. So, I will let you, Ms.
15 Wilson, articulate that new schedule.

16 MS. WILSON: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.
17 As circulated earlier this morning and as discussed
18 prior to this hearing, the intervening -- intervenor
19 county filing for testimony due date will be
20 September 24th, 2026. Rebuttal testimony, October
21 29, 2026. Motions to strike, November 9, 2026.
22 Responses to any motions to strike, November 16,
23 2026. Cross-examination will be scheduled from
24 December 1st through 3rd of 2026. Initial briefs
25 due December 30th, 2026. Reply briefs due January

1 22nd, 2027. PFD, February 25th of 2027, exceptions
2 to PFD March 17, 2027, replies to exceptions March
3 26, 2027, and then the order date is scheduled as
4 May 13th of 2027. And I hope I didn't overlook any
5 date in that schedule, counsels.

6 THE COURT: All right. Any changes to
7 that schedule or any concerns regarding the schedule
8 as articulated by Ms. Wilson? All right. Hearing
9 none, that schedule is adopted for this case. I do
10 want to restate that all filings will have a 5:00
11 end of the day filing deadline. The discovery sent
12 after 5:00 on any given day will be deemed sent the
13 next day. And that includes Fridays, so if it is
14 after 5:00 on a Friday, it will be -- it'll be
15 deemed served on Monday. And this is a -- a
16 reminder for all of you that both discovery requests
17 and responses, only a proof of service is to be
18 served on me. I am not to get those questions or
19 responses. All right. Ms. Wilson, there were a
20 couple of additional issues you wished to address.

21 MS. WILSON: Yes, Your Honor. Just for
22 purposes of keeping you informed, we anticipate
23 motion practice in regards to a request to refund
24 the applicant a portion of its one-time grant that
25 was issued to the each of the townships. And then

1 also there will be a supplemental filing as to the
2 application to include those and to address those
3 requirements in the statute in the order for
4 communications relating to ALU, specifically Genesee
5 County communications.

6 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. And I
7 guess, again, I will address any motions as they
8 arise and if I do get motions of any kind, then we
9 will -- I will set responsive dates and a hearing
10 date for any such motions that are filed. Okay.
11 With that, is there anything that I've missed today,
12 anything further for the record from the applicant,
13 Ms. Wilson?

14 MS. WILSON: No, thank you.

15 THE COURT: Ms. Stirling, from staff?

16 MS. STIRLING: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: All right. Anything further
18 from the townships, Mr. Gildner?

19 MR. GILDNER: No, thank you.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Tilson, anything further
21 from you, for you?

22 MR. TILSON: No.

23 THE COURT: All right. And Mr. Cooper,
24 anything further for the county?

25 MR. COOPER: No, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: All right. Well, thank you
2 very much for everyone's attendance today. And
3 again, thank you very much for your hard work on
4 that schedule when I required some modifications to
5 that. And with that, everyone have a wonderful day,
6 and we are off the record.

7 (At 10:10 a.m., proceedings concluded)

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5 I certify that this transcript, consisting
6 of 11 pages, is a complete, true, and correct record
7 of the proceedings in this case held on Thursday,
8 July 23, 2026, to the best of my ability, prepared
9 from the official recording. I further certify that
10 I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or
11 party to this action, nor am I financially
12 interested in the outcome of this matter. This
13 certified reporter accepts no responsibility for any
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