

**In The Matter Of:**  
*U-21956*

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**SYNERGY  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of

OTISVILLE PV I, LLC for Renewable Energy

U-21956

Or Storage Siting Certificate to construct

A solar energy facility

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Proceedings held via Microsoft Teams in the  
Above-entitled matter before Theresa A.G. Staley,  
Administrative Law Judge with MOAHR, for the Michigan  
Public Service Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday,  
January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

OTISVILLE PV I, LLC

Frances B. Wilson

Aidan D. Schurig

Tyler D. Tennent

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1 Tuesday, January 20, 2026

2 9:00 a.m.

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4 JUDGE STALEY: We are on the record in  
5 Michigan Public Service Commission case number  
6 U-21956 captioned In the matter of the application  
7 of OTISVILLE PV I, LLC for Renewable Energy or  
8 Storage Siting Certificate to construct a solar  
9 energy facility. Today is the date and time set  
10 for a second pre-hearing in this matter. My name  
11 is Theresa Staley. I am the Administrative Law  
12 Judge assigned to this matter by the Michigan  
13 Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules.

14 I think I will start with appearances  
15 for the record starting with the Company, please.

16 MS. WILSON: Good morning, Judge.  
17 Frances Belzer Wilson on behalf of the Applicant  
18 Company, Otisville PV I.

19 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Good  
20 morning, Ms. Wilson.

21 MR. TENNENT: This is Tyler Tennent on  
22 behalf of Otisville PV I, LLC along with Frances.

23 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Good  
24 morning, Mr. Tennant.

25 MR. TENNENT: Morning.

1 MR. SCHURIG: Good morning, Your honor.  
2 Aidan Schurig on behalf of Applicant.

3 JUDGE STALEY: Good morning, Mr.  
4 Schurig. All right. And then Staff, please?

5 MS. THOMAS: Good morning, your Honor.  
6 Laurie Thomas on behalf of the Applicant.

7 JUDGE STALEY: I'm sorry. Okay. Thank  
8 you. Good morning. Ms. Stirling.

9 MS. STIRLING: Good morning, Your  
10 Honor. Anne Stirling on behalf of the Michigan  
11 Public Service Commission Staff. Also appearing  
12 on behalf of staff in this case are Adam Cozort  
13 and Nicholas Taylor.

14 JUDGE STALEY: Good morning. Mr.  
15 Gildner.

16 MR. GILDNER: Good morning. Michael  
17 Gildner for the Townships of Bedford and Forest.

18 JUDGE STALEY: Good morning, Mr.  
19 Gildner. And Ms. Brouet.

20 MS. BROUET: Good morning. Stephanie  
21 Brouet pro se intervener.

22 JUDGE STALEY: Good morning, Ms.  
23 Brouet. And Mr. Tilson.

24 MR. TILSON: Good morning. I'm Gary  
25 Tilson, owner of Tilson Family Farms.

1 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you. Good  
2 morning, Mr. Tilson. All right. Today is the  
3 date for a second pre-hearing. And as I  
4 understand it, the Company has re-filed in this  
5 case and are now in compliance with the filing.  
6 So we can proceed today with setting a schedule in  
7 this matter. And I believe that a schedule has  
8 been circulated and discussed among the parties.  
9 Ms. Stirling, would you like to address the  
10 schedule in this matter?

11 MS STIRLING: Yes, Your Honor. The  
12 parties would propose a Staff and Intervener  
13 testimony date of April 21st, 2026. A rebuttal  
14 testimony date of May 22nd, 2026. A motion to  
15 strike date of June 5th, 2026. Responses to  
16 motion to strike filed on June 12th, 2026. Cross  
17 examination to be held June 24th, 2026 to June  
18 26th, 2026. Initial briefs to be filed on August  
19 3rd, 2026. Reply briefs to be filed only August  
20 24th, 2026. A PSC target date of September 24th,  
21 2026. A proposed exceptions to the PSC date of  
22 October 14th, 2026. A proposed replies to  
23 exceptions date of October 28, 2026 and a  
24 Commission order to be filed by December 11, 2026.

25 JUDGE STALEY: All right. Have the

1 parties also agreed to like a discovery turnaround  
2 I see of eight business days until Staff and  
3 Intervener's testimony is due, and then five  
4 business day turnaround thereafter?

5 MS. STIRLING: Yes, Your Honor.

6 JUDGE STALEY: Okay. Does anyone have  
7 any objections to that schedule?

8 MR. GILDNER: Judge, this is Mike  
9 Gildner. I just think it's a bit ambitious and  
10 would ask that the initial date be pushed back one  
11 month. So I believe from April 22 to May 22 with  
12 all subsequent dates being pushed back in equal  
13 period of time. I will be gone the week of April  
14 13 just before that first deadline, besides the  
15 fact that I just think it's ambitious under the  
16 circumstances.

17 JUDGE STALEY: While I appreciate that,  
18 Mr. Gildner, statutorily these cases have to be  
19 completed within one year. So they'd have to be  
20 to the Commission by December -- I mean the  
21 Commission has to issue a decision by December  
22 11th. There is no room to push these back an  
23 extra month within the confines of the schedule,  
24 because as you can see, with Staff and Intervener  
25 testimony due on April 21st, there are major

1 deadlines every single month thereafter to be able  
2 to stay within that one-year time period. So at  
3 this time, I cannot support a schedule that pushes  
4 back Staff and Intervener testimony by a month.

5 MR. GILDNER: Understood.

6 JUDGE STALEY: If you would like to  
7 work with the parties to maybe adjust that first  
8 date a little bit, I certainly would entertain  
9 that later. What I'm going to do is adopt the  
10 schedule today. And considering that you do have,  
11 as you say, you're going to be out of town the  
12 week before, maybe you can work with the parties  
13 to see if that initial filing date can be adjusted  
14 a little bit. But as you'll see, the rebuttal  
15 testimony is due a month later, so I'm sure that  
16 it will be kind of a minor adjustment, but I would  
17 be open to an adjustment if you would like to work  
18 with the parties on that.

19 So I have adopted that schedule in this  
20 matter. Additionally, I also see that the Company  
21 served 15 additional people in this case, and what  
22 I am going to request of the Company at this time,  
23 the Applicant at this time, is that you serve one  
24 additional notice on those 15 parties and please  
25 serve that by this Friday, the 23rd, that provides

1 additional time for those 15 parties to intervene  
2 in this matter. They will have until February  
3 10th to intervene in this case. And I would like  
4 you to serve those 15 additional parties with that  
5 notice so that they can do that. If additional  
6 people do intervene, I will likely set a quick  
7 hearing to address those interventions and we'll  
8 go from there. Is that acceptable to the  
9 Applicant?

10 MR. TENNENT: Yes, Your Honor.

11 JUDGE STALEY: Thank you, Mr. Tennent.  
12 Okay. I think I went over this at the first  
13 pre-hearing but I just want to reiterate this for  
14 this matter, just to reiterate it. Any filings  
15 that are done in this matter I would like to have  
16 done by 5:00 p.m. the day of the filing due date.  
17 For discovery, any discovery sent after 5:00 on  
18 any day is deemed served the next day. So for  
19 example, if you serve it at 5:05 on a Friday, it's  
20 deemed served on Monday for that eight day or five  
21 day turnaround to the clock to start.

22 Additionally, for those who are sort of  
23 new to administrative proceedings, we do not serve  
24 discovery -- we do not file discovery responses in  
25 the docket. They are not part of the record

1 unless you make them a part of the record as your  
2 filings as exhibits. So if you are serving  
3 discovery and responses, any responses you just  
4 put a proof of service, file a proof of service to  
5 the e-docket. You do not serve the actual  
6 responses to the e-docket because those are not  
7 for my viewing and they're not for the  
8 Commission's viewing unless they are made part of  
9 the record. All right. Is there anything  
10 further? I'm sorry?

11 MS. WILSON: Yes. Just based on your  
12 comment that 5 p.m. is a deadline in the notice,  
13 should the Applicant list that it's February 10th  
14 at 5 p.m.?

15 JUDGE STALEY: You may do that. You  
16 may do that, yes. That keeps everything  
17 consistent. All right. I believe I've covered  
18 everything. Ms. Stirling, do you think I have  
19 covered everything we need to discuss today?

20 MS. STIRLING: Yes, Your Honor.

21 JUDGE STALEY: Miss Wilson, anything  
22 further for the record from Applicant?

23 MS. WILSON: No, Your Honor. Thank  
24 you.

25 JUDGE STALEY: All right. Anything

1 further from any of the other parties in this case  
2 before we conclude today?

3 MS. BROUET: Your Honor, I do have one  
4 request that goes to the Notice of Hearing. The  
5 original filing from I believe it was around  
6 October 23rd. The document is not searchable and  
7 it's quite poor quality, and I think it's just  
8 made it a little difficult for people to check as  
9 addresses appear. And I was just wondering if the  
10 Applicant could file a document that is  
11 searchable, PDF, rather than something that was  
12 scanned, because the scanned quality is quite poor  
13 and it just made it difficult to confirm which  
14 addresses were actually included. Thank you for  
15 the consideration.

16 JUDGE STALEY: Okay. Does  
17 the Applicant have the ability to serve a  
18 searchable version of those documents? I know  
19 that I will need searchable versions of those  
20 documents at some point. Is that a problem for  
21 the Applicant?

22 MR. TENNENT: Your Honor, Tyler Tennent  
23 here. I think what Dr. Brouet might be referring  
24 to is the list of the addresses that were served  
25 on the initial notice. Is that right?

1 MS. BROUET: Yes, that's correct.

2 JUDGE STALEY: Okay. I was thinking  
3 the filing.

4 MR. TENNENT: The Application.

5 JUDGE STALEY: Okay. I don't know, is  
6 it possible for the Applicant to have a list of  
7 those served that is searchable?

8 MS. WILSON: Your Honor, when we filed  
9 the proof of service, I believe it was OCRd and  
10 searchable. Otherwise, I don't know that the  
11 Commission would have accepted it. So I mean if  
12 it's not searchable in that form and because it  
13 wasn't properly OCRd, that we can fix, but I  
14 don't -- we're not going to send out an Excel  
15 spreadsheet. I don't think that's appropriate.

16 JUDGE STALEY: No, I agree. No, I  
17 agree. And Excels are usually PDF, not in their  
18 native form. Dr. Brouet, give that a shot again  
19 and if you have any trouble, maybe see if you can  
20 work it out with Staff or the Applicant to see  
21 what's going on.

22 MS. BROUET: Okay. Thank you, Your  
23 Honor.

24 JUDGE STALEY: All right.

25 MS. STIRLING: I am seeing it as not

1 being searchable just online, so may just be an  
2 issue with the OCR.

3 JUDGE STALEY: Then if the Applicant  
4 can see if we can get that adjusted to see if that  
5 can be made searchable, that would be great.

6 MS. WILSON: Sure. We can perform an  
7 OCR search on that or turn it in to an OCR better  
8 yet, Your Honor, and just re-file.

9 JUDGE STALEY: Okay. That's fine. And  
10 just the proof of service is my understanding,  
11 right, with the names. Not the entire case. We  
12 don't need to do that. All right. Any other  
13 issues before we adjourn for the day. All right.  
14 Hearing none, we are --

15 MR. TILSON: Hello, Judge. This is  
16 Gary. This is Gary Tilson.

17 JUDGE STALEY: Hi, Mr. Tilson.

18 MR. TILSON: I have one thing. Prior  
19 to the official start of the meeting you said you  
20 had extended the timing for anyone interested to  
21 intervene to February 10th. For the benefit of  
22 the group here, several, many in the audience are  
23 directly impacted. There's questions about what  
24 the actual rules are to qualify to intervene. Is  
25 there someone on the panel that could give a brief

1 explanation of what's required in order for  
2 someone to qualify to intervene?

3 JUDGE STALEY: Well Mr. Tilson, that  
4 is -- that actually is a legal issue. There are  
5 standards that anyone who files a petition to  
6 intervene has to meet, and so that might be a  
7 lengthier conversation. Anyone who was served was  
8 required to file their interventions I think in  
9 November. So I have extended that for those who  
10 received late service because they were missed in  
11 the original service. So that is -- I don't know  
12 that -- I don't know if that's an issue for this  
13 pre-hearing today. If you would like to pursue  
14 that with either Staff counsel or the counsel for  
15 the Company, you may do that, but that's a legal  
16 standard, and providing legal advice over a public  
17 hearing like this I don't think is the best forum.

18 MR. TILSON: Okay. Thank you.

19 JUDGE STALEY: All right. Anything  
20 further? All right. Then we are adjourned for  
21 the day.

22 (The proceeding was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.)  
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