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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dan Wetzel
Jersey Township Trustees
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Pataskala, Ohio 43062

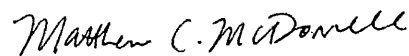
Re: Notice – PowerConneX New Albany 2 Project Procedural Schedule Set

Dear Dan Wetzel:

On June 25, 2025, PowerConneX New Albany 2, LLC (PowerConneX) filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct a 216-megawatt alternating current behind-the-meter, natural gas fired, electric generating facility (PCX II or Project) in New Albany, Licking County, Ohio (OPSB Case No. 25-302-EL-BGN). The general purpose of the Project is to provide a reliable and efficient behind-the meter prime power source to meet the operational needs of a data center located on the same site.

On August 25, 2025, the OPSB established the procedural schedule in this case. Attached is the public notice regarding the Project.

Very truly yours,



Matthew C. McDonnell

Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

PowerConneX New Albany 2, LLC (PowerConneX) is proposing to construct a 216-megawatt alternating current behind-the-meter, natural gas fired, electric generating facility (PCX II) in New Albany, Licking County, Ohio. The facility will be sited on approximately 48.9 acres. The general purpose of the facility is to provide a reliable and efficient behind-the meter prime power source to meet the operational needs of a data center located on the same site.

PowerConneX filed its application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB or Board) for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility in OPSB Case No. 25-302-EL-BGN. A copy of the application is available on the OPSB website at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=25302&x=0&y=0> and PowerConneX's website at <https://www.edgeconnex.com/pcx-new-albany-energy-center-ii/>. The application is currently pending.

On August 25, 2025, 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 PCX II OPSB case shall consist of two parts:

- (1) A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the OPSB shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at October 29, at 6:00 p.m., at New Albany City Hall, 99 W. Main St., New Albany, OH 43054.
- (2) An evidentiary hearing commencing on November 6, 2025, 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 the Applicant, Staff, and any intervenors to provide evidence regarding the Application.

For those individuals interested in testifying at the local public hearing, a sign-in sheet will be available at the facility and witnesses will be taken in the order in which they register to testify. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Board's consideration, a copy of the document should be provided to the administrative law judge during the local public hearing. Testimony to be provided will be limited to three minutes in duration.

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. 25-302-EL-BGN.

The following officials have received electronic copies of the accepted complete application filed with the OPSB: Licking County Commissioners, Licking County Planning Commission, Licking County Engineer, New Albany Mayor, New Albany City Council, New Albany Economic Development, Jersey Township Trustees, Licking County Chamber of Commerce, New Albany Chamber of Commerce, and Johnstown-Monroe School District. In addition, an electronic copy of the application, as well as a notice to post regarding the application, was sent to the Columbus Metropolitan Library, New Albany Branch, 200 Market St., New Albany, OH 43054. 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 <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=25302&x=0&y=0> and the PCX II project website at <https://www.edgeconnex.com/pcx-new-albany-energy-center-ii>.

In reviewing an application to construct, operate, and maintain a generation facility, such as the facility proposed by PowerConneX, the OPSB considers the following criteria set forth in Ohio Revised Code (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) 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 R.C. 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 section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the OPSB 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) What the facility's 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 (8) 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 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 4906-3-09 or by October 8, 2025, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the evidentiary 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. 25-302-EL-BGN.

The following map shows the general outline of the Project and location of the Project area. Additional detailed maps can be found online here: <https://www.edgeconnex.com/pcx-new-albany-energy-center-ii/>.



