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Moshannon Creek Watershed Association Statement for Rush Township Solar Ordinance Hearing

The Moshannon Creek Watershed Association (MCWA) does not advocate for or against the approval and/or construction of the Ampliform 239MWac solar power project, proposed for development on 1,300 acres of land on and around Coaldale Road, Moshannon Creek, Wolf Run, and other tributaries in Rush Township. MCWA's concern is to promote and work for the health and improvement of the Moshannon and tributaries by, among other things, carrying out or encouraging the remediation of poorly reclaimed or abandoned mine land, implementation of activities that reduce the impacts of mine drainage by lessening the quantity or strength of the drainage, or by treating acid mine drainage directly by means of passive or active treatment. MCWA's position on the solar project is that, if approved, it be carried out in a manner that does not preclude future projects to address the mine drainage problems that originate on the properties slated for development. Alternatively, if the solar project cannot be implemented in a way that will allow future remediation, that source reduction or other remediation be carried out prior to or concurrent with the development of the project.

Sincerely,

Eric Rosengrant, President

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