

<u>Application for Variance</u> from Development Standards

City of Madison Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design 101 W Main St Madison, IN 47250 (812) 265-8300

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Williams Power, LLC c/o Ice Miller LLP

Street: 1105 Navasota St. Austin, TX 78702

Application Fee \$35.00
Ad Fee (for Legal Notice) \$15.00
Recording Fee \$25.00

**Total Due \$75.00

OWNER INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT*)

Name: Suggett Schmidt Farms, LLC

Street: 1230 Nor Rose Way

Purpose: Per the City of Madison Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall approve or deny variance from development standards from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board may impose reasonable conditions as a part of its approval. A variance may be approved only upon a determination by the Board.

This application must be filed at least 15 days prior to scheduled meeting to be eligible for consideration at that meeting. Actual deadlines vary due to holidays, office business hours and operating schedule, media publishing deadlines, etc. Deadlines are published publicly and can also be provided by contacting the Planning Office.

City: Austin State: TX Zip: 78702	City: Madison State: IN Zip: 47250	
Phone (Preferred): 512-921-8643	Phone (Preferred):	
Phone (Alternate):	Phone (Alternate):	
Email: Cyrus@openroadrenewables.com	Email:	
* If Applicant is not Owner, MUST submit documentation from owner authorizing applicant on their behalf.		
PROPERTY FOR WHICH A VARIANCE IS REQUEST	ED	
Address and/or Legal Description of Property: See Exhibit B attached		
	Zoning Classification: AG	
Description of Existing Use:Vacant farmland		
Description of Proposed Use: Battery Energy Storage System		
List sections of the Zoning Ordinance for which a variance is requested: Section 11.78 - Expiration of Conditional Use		
Permit: Specifically, the Provision that Provides that if there is a change in ownership the new owner does not have the benefit		
of the previously granted Conditional Use Permit		
Describe why a variance is requested: See Exhibit C		
For Variance from Setbacks, list below and indicate on site plan:		
Current - North: ft East: ft	South: ft West: ft	
Requested – North: ft East: ft	South: ft West: ft	

Per the City of Madison Zoning Ordinance, a variance shall not be granted unless the Board makes specific findings of fact based directly on the particular evidence presented to it, which support conclusions that the standards and conditions has been met by the applicant.

Provide a detailed Narrative statement demonstrating that the requested variance conforms to the
following standards. Respond to each question below with Yes/No and why. Use additional pages if
necessary.

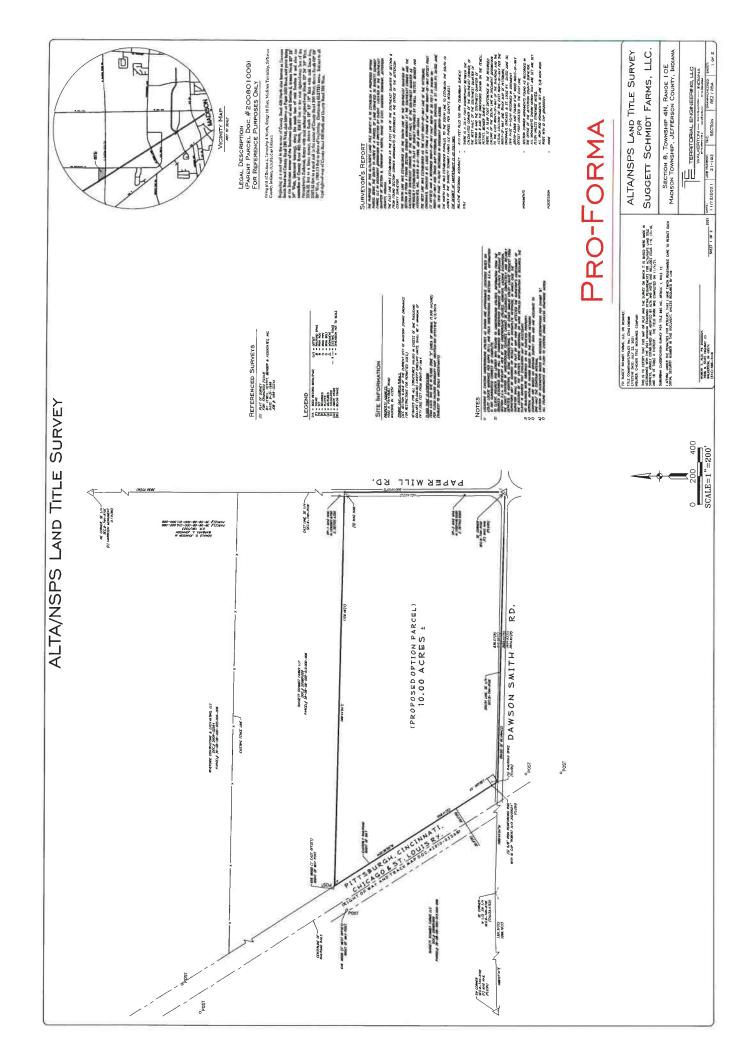
See Exhibit D attached	h, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community?
2. Will the use and value of the area adjacent to the substantially adverse manner?	property included in the variance be affected in a
3. Will the strict application of the terms of the zoni property?	ng ordinance result in practical difficulties in the use of the
Include any other documents/information which you feel will aid the Board in making its determination. Certified letters MUST be mailed to adjoining property owners (includes owners of real estate at corners, across streets, alleys or easements as well as others who may share a common boundary) at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The Planning Office can assist you in obtaining this information. Proof of Certified Mail receipts and corresponding returned green cards shall be given to the Planning Office at least one (1) working day prior to the scheduled meeting. The Board will not review the application unless proof of attempt(s) of contact are provided. USPS delays will not be held against you if proof indicates that letters were sent appropriately. I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my ability and I understand and agree to the Certified mail stipulations.	
Date	Signature of Applicant
Documentation Review (Completed by Planning Office)	Staff Notes
Owner Authorization provided (if req'd) Narrative Statements completed (Page 1 and #1 – 3 above) Application is complete GIS Information to applicant and attached Certified Mail Receipts received (attach) Certified Mail Green Cards received (attach)	SOME DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED AS PART OF CUP
COMPLETED BY PLANNING OFFICE	Meeting Information: Board of Zoning Appeals
Application Accepted on: 6/17/202	101 W Main St, Madison, IN 47250 - Council Chambers
Application Accepted by:	Meeting Date: 7 11 Zoz Time: 6:30PM

Exhibit A Owner Consent Form

[See Attached]

Exhibit B Legal Description of Property

[See Attached]



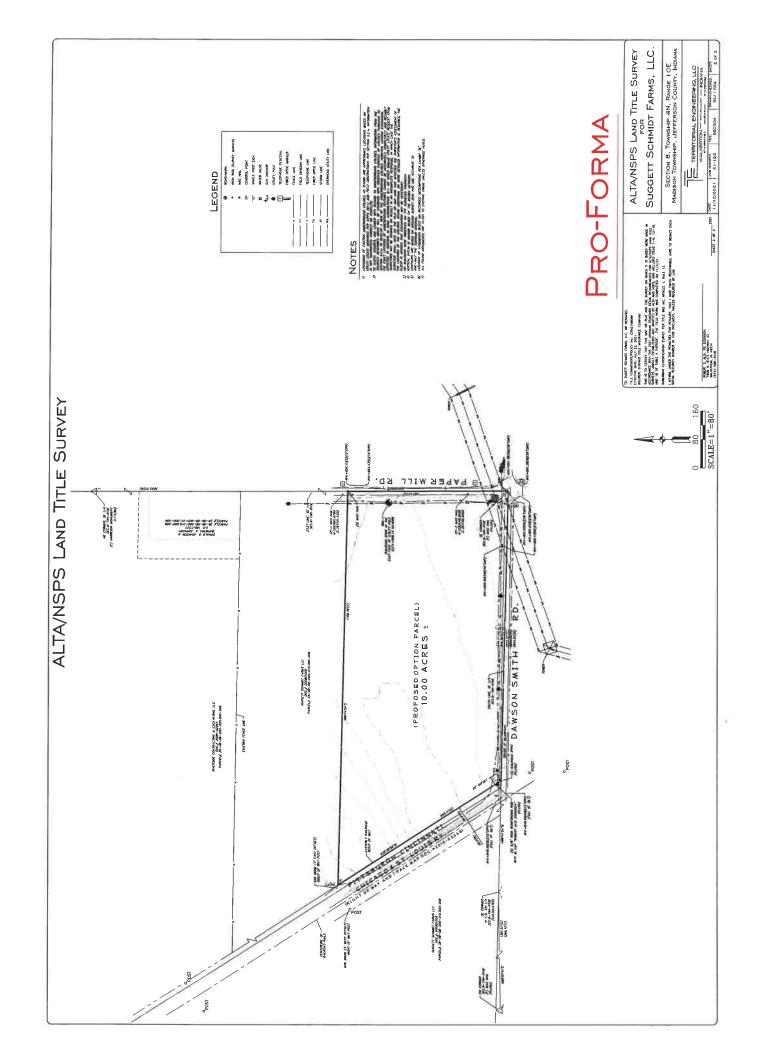


Exhibit C Why Variance is Requested

This variance is being requested because the nature of the Battery Energy Storage System project (the "Project") is such that if the ownership transfer provision found in Section 11.78 were to apply to the Project, then the Project would be an impossibility. The Project, by its nature, is capital intensive. In fact, it will cost approximately 150 million dollars to complete. To do that, a couple of things are necessary. First, the viability of the project has to be sufficient for lenders to issue debt in order to finance the project. No lender would finance such an expensive project with the risk created by the problematic provision in Section 11.78. To illustrate that issue, suppose that the current owner of the Project fails to pay the debt owned to the lender. A lender's ultimate remedy is foreclosure. However, if the use of the Project is not guaranteed to transfer to the lender when the lender takes ownership, the lender will look at the Project as far too risky and not issue the financing in the first place. Second, this sort of Project requires that ownership will eventually be transferred to either a public utility or a private utility operator. For the same reasons that it would be too risky for a lender to finance a project when the use permit does not transfer, so to would it be too risky for a utility or private operator to purchase such a contingent asset.

Exhibit D Narrative Statement

1. Will this variance be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community?

No, the variance will not be injurious. The Project will not change depending on the owner of the Project. This is a highly regulated Project. The construction and operation of the Project must conform to those regulation regardless of who the owner happens to be.

2. Will the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance be affected in a substantially adverse manner?

No, the variance will not be injurious to the value of the area or the adjacent property. The Project will not change depending on the owner of the Project. This is a highly regulated Project. The construction and operation of the Project must conform to those regulation regardless of who the owner happens to be

3. Will the strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance result in practical difficulties in the use of the property?

Yes, if the transfer of ownership provision found in Section 11.78 is applied to this Project the Project will be an impossibility. As explained in Exhibit C above, this provision creates far too much risk for lenders as well as future purchasers. Without those two pieces the Project is not economically viable.

