COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

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ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MEADE)	
COUNTY SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE)	
OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AN)	
APPROXIMATELY 40 MEGAWATT)	CASE NO.
MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR GENERATING)	2020-00390
FACILITY IN MEADE COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	
PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700 AND 807 KAR)	
5:110		

ORDER

On June 3, 2021, Meade County Solar, LLC (Meade County Solar) filed its application in this case, together with the \$40,770 application fee required by KRS 278.706(5) and 807 KAR 5:100, Section 5. The fee was acknowledged by letter from the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board) dated June 3, 2021. As of September 30, 2021, the Siting Board had accrued \$42,095 in case-related expenses, for a shortfall of \$1,325 as of that date.

KRS 278.706(5) provides, "If a majority of the members of the board find that an applicant's initial fees are insufficient to pay the board's expenses associated with the application, including the board's expenses associated with legal review thereof, the board shall assess a supplemental application fee to cover the additional expenses." Based on expenses so far in the case, inclusive of expenses by the Siting Board's consultant, the Staff estimates probable additional expenses projected as follows:

1. October staff expenses not yet processed of approximately \$3,600;

- 2. Expenses for Siting Board members of \$1,575; and
- 3. Additional staff expenses of \$4,500.

The Siting Board finds that these estimated expenses are a reasonable approximation of costs that the Siting Board has realized in reviewing and processing the matter to final Order and in considering the motion for confidentiality which is pending. The Siting Board therefore finds that Meade County Solar should pay an additional amount totaling \$11,000 as a supplemental application fee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Meade County Solar, LLC is assessed a supplemental application fee of \$11,000, which shall be remitted to the Siting Board within five days of entry of this Order. The Siting Board requires a certified check or money order made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer that is delivered or postmarked as mailed to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602 before the deadline.

By the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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and Transmission Siting

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