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Information request to Russellville Solar, LLC

Case Number 2021-00235

1st written request for information to Russellville Solar, LLC, following the order entered by KY Public Service Commission on 3/17/22. The following are questions from Dawson-Barnes Family Farms, LLC.

1. Please explain in detail your plans for decommissioning and removal of the solar panels at the end of the proposed project.
2. In detail what are your plans for drainage from run-off onto the adjoining properties during construction and after construction?
3. Please explain in detail your reasons for choosing prime agriculture land in Logan County for a solar farm rather than using un-farmable land that is adjacent to the TVA power lines?
4. Why did you not invite the entire Logan County/Russellville community to your meeting since this is something that affects the entire county not just a few land owners? Why not print a front page story in the local newspaper or run an ad on the local radio station, not hide the small print article in the back of the paper under classifieds?
5. How will you handle the noise and traffic concerns during construction? AP Miller Road is a one lane road that will have large agriculture equipment and grain trucks along with the equipment that Russellville Solar brings in.
6. How many full time employees will you have and for how long?

7. Russellville Solar proposes creating new jobs in the area over an 18 month period. However, in reality, Russellville Solar is putting numerous people in our community out of work. For example, farmers, fertilizer companies, seed, lime spreaders, farm supplies and parts, tire repair, insurance agents, etc. How does Russellville Solar plan to help the many people who will be negatively affected by bringing solar to an agriculture area?
8. How does Russellville Solar plan to keep the archaeological areas that were found during their study free of contamination and damage?
9. How will you care for the sheep in an area that is full of coyotes and other predators?
10. What type of security will you have on site to monitor for theft?
11. How will the generated electricity from this project directly go to the GM Corvette plant and Facebook as advertised?
12. Will any citizen of Logan County be able to purchase the bonds that Russellville Solar is asking Logan County Fiscal court to issue for a project that directly affects them?
13. In detail, why has Russellville Solar asked the Logan County Fiscal Court to issue tax abated industrial revenue bonds instead of just following the regular property tax codes?
14. Will there be any local contractors used to construct any of this proposed project?
15. Specifically who are the shareholders of Russellville Solar LLC?
16. In detail, are carbon credits involved in any aspect of this proposed project? And if they are who is getting credit for them?
17. In the news recently it was mentioned that China produces 80% of silicon material used in solar panels. In detail, what is Russellville Solar LLC plan if raw materials are unavailable for this project?
18. Why is the address for the project listed as 1602 Watermelon Road, Olmstead, KY 42265 when this is a rental house address?

19. As solar projects are becoming more popular, the power grid is becoming jammed with new requests. Some power companies have had to put projects on hold for up to 2 years due to the uptick in requests. What is Russellville Solar LLC plan if there is not enough capacity on the power grid?

We would like to thank the KY Public Service Commission for your time and help in this matter. This is a very troublesome proposal affecting prime agriculture land in Logan County. Agriculture is how we feed the world. We have many other options for electricity but very few for producing food without the land. We look forward to hearing the responses to the questions we have proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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