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I have looked over the pages of reports that GreenGo/Banjo Creek Solar, LLC sent to you in response to your letter of request for information dated January 26, 2024. I would like to draw your attention to several different things that were submitted by them and filed on February 2, 2024.

I'd like to address the following:

PSC POST-HEARING DR 1: They did not answer this question, per say. They gave a general answer of what might be used and of the ones given out of the six (6) given four (4) would not do well in our area.

Where do **Eastern White Pines** grow best?

- The eastern white pine grows in acidic, moist, well-drained and dry soils.
- While it does best in moist soil, the tree can has been known to tolerate everything from dry, rocky ridges to bogs.

Why not the **Virginia Pine**?

- This tree is susceptible to wind damage.
- Some susceptibility to pitch canker.
- This plant has numerous pest and disease problems.
- We are an area that has had multiple tornados in the last 5 years. One in 2021 that was an F4 and tore up our county seat, Mayfield. Destroying most of downtown and the outside area. It is not unusual for us to have winds at 30 miles per hour. If these trees were used, I personally feel we would have a mess of down trees and then who is going to clean them up and replant. Will this be in the plans of Greengo/Banjo Creek Solar, LLC? Especially, since they have stated they will sell the project off once completed.

Where do **Bald Cypress** trees grow best?

- The bald cypress is a native tree to the southeastern United States that grows in the Mississippi Valley drainage basin, along the Gulf Coast, and up the coastal plain to the mid-Atlantic states.
- Bald cypresses are well-adapted to wet conditions along riverbanks and swamps. (we have no riverbanks and swamps there this proposed solar project is located)

Where do **Eastern Hemlock** trees grow best?

- In the more southern parts of its range, eastern hemlock occurs only where there is drainage of cool, moist air -- on moist rocky ridges, valleys and ravines, hillsides, and lakeshores.
- In the northern hardwood forest, it is found on a greater variety of sites, including low rolling hills and glacial ridges.
- No map I could locate showed it growing in Western Kentucky.

PSC POST-HEARING DR 3:

- Do they not know the word "is". Everything is "approximately" to show that something is almost, but not completely, accurate or correct. So, what is it and when will they know?
- This is something they could figure out if they wanted to. By using the word "approximately" this gives them the opportunity to change once their application is approved.

PSC POST-HEARING DR 7:

- Should this list not have the ones that GreenGo has developed and sold?

PSC POST-HEARING DR 8:

- Why is the study Mr. Fleming referred to seven (7) years old?
- Isn't there more up to date information that can be used?

Knowledge Leads to Good Decisions,

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In review of the question the Siting Board requested of greengo/Banjo Creek Solar, LLC, " PSC POST-HEARING DR 7: Provide a list of GreenGo Energy developed projects in operation in the United States, including an address and a length of operation as of January 23, 2024.

Response: Please see the following table.

Name	Date	Address	Commercial Operation
Acme Solar, LLC	12/24/2020	445 Fertilizer Rd, Riegelwood, NC, 28456	
Burgaw Solar, LLC	11/20/2019	1133 US Hwy 117, Burgaw, NC, 28425	
Carolina Lily Solar, LLC	5/7/2021	166 Carolina Lily Lane, Advance, NC, 27006	1034
Catherine Lake Solar, LLC	12/30/2020	1164 Pony Farm Rd, Jacksonville, NC, 28540	1001 Ebenezer
Church Solar, LLC	4/21/2021	176 Ebenezer Church Rd, State Road, NC, 28676	
Ennis Solar, LLC	11/20/2019	600 Sheriff Johnson Rd (SR 1516), Lillington, NC, 27546	
1047 Little Mountain Solar, LLC			
4417 Little Mountain Rd, Jonesville, NC, 28642	11/22/2019		
1051 Lucky Solar, LLC	5/7/2021	1603 Marler Rd, Hamptonville, NC, 27020	
1008 Matthews Solar, LLC	5/11/2021	7726 NC 67 Hwy, East Bend, NC, 27018	

1073 Onslow Solar, LLC 1100 Belgrade Swansboro, Hubert, NC, 28539 5/17/2021
Pecan Grove Solar, LLC 6075 US Hwy 17 Business, New Bern, NC, 28562 11/12/2019
Plott Hound Solar, LLC 757 NC Hwy 55, New Bern, NC, 28562 5/24/2021
Ray Wilson Solar, LLC 128 Potts Rd, Advance, NC, 27006 12/21/2020 Solar Lee, LLC 273 Lees Country
Club Rd, Mount Olive, NC, 28365 12/24/2020 Suncaster, LLC 345 Big Daddy's Rd, Pikeville, NC, 27863
12/30/2020 Swansboro Solar, LLC 1840 Belgrade Swansboro Rd, Maysville, NC, 28555 12/30/2020
Sweet Tea Solar, LLC 415 Stevenson Road, New Bern, NC, 28562 4/27/2021 1045 Tomlin Mill Solar,
LLC 712 Tomlin Mill Rd, Statesville, NC, 28625 5/21/2021 1025 Traveller Solar, LLC 724 Harvey Faulk
Rd, Sanford, NC, 27332 12/5/2019 Yadkin Solar Farm, LLC 1310 Mackie Rd, Yadkinville, NC, 27055
12/21/2020

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THIS ARTICLE IS EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN BY GIVING APPROVAL WITHOUT EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO GREENGO/BANJO CREEK, LLC. KNOWLEDGE LEADS TO GOOD DECISIONS

NEWS

N.C. Utilities Commission Issues Order Involving Sweet Tea Solar Project in Craven County

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Commission issued the following order (DOCKET NO. SP-8250, SUB 0) requiring further review by state clearinghouse of Sweet Tea Solar, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar facility in Craven County, N.C.:

BY THE COMMISSION: On November 14, 2016, the Commission issued an Order granting Sweet Tea Solar, LLC (Applicant), a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the construction of a 5-MW solar generating facility to be located off of Beaman Road, approximately 324 feet north of the intersection of Beaman Road and Old U.S. Highway 70W in New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina. In addition, the Commission accepted registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility.

On September 14, 2017, the Applicant filed a letter with the Commission stating that the facility footprint has shifted within the parcel. In addition, the Applicant filed a revised site plan map showing the new footprint of the facility.

Based on the amendment to the application, the Commission finds good cause to require further

review by the State agencies having an interest in the application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Commission will deliver copies of the Applicant's amended application and this Order to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application.
2. That the Applicant shall not begin construction on the new portion of the footprint being proposed for the facility unless and until the Commission issues an order authorizing such construction.
3. That the Commission will proceed as it deems appropriate after the filing of further comments, if any, by the State agencies having an interest in the application.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 22 nd day of September, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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