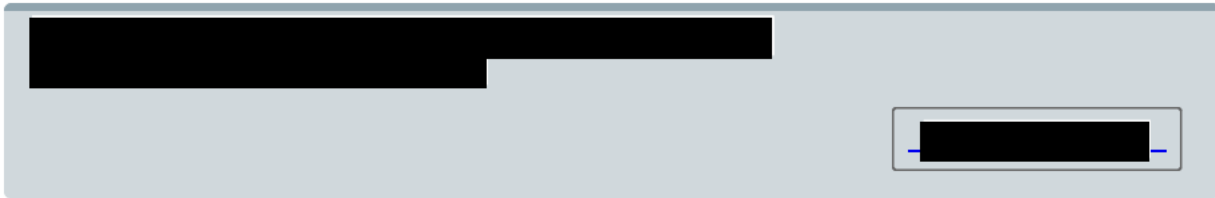


Case No. 2023-00263

Thank you for your comments on the application of Banjo Creek Solar LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2023-00263, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2023-00263 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Wow, the more you study the proposed solar project in Farmington Kentucky the more you find it is just like an onion, that has yet to be peeled, to see if it is a rotten or a good onion.

I say that because I have looked at exactly who the citizens of Graves County are dealing with regarding this project.

1) Greengo Energy is actually a project management company". (See Attached: Business Corporation Annual Report, Dated 12-31-2022). Once the proposed project is completed, they will be gone, not to be heard from again, nor responsible for anything they have done! Now, try to figure out who will be responsible. Will it be a case of "no one is?" or will it be the 3 farmers who lease their land to a project management company? My bet is the citizens of Graves County will bear the entire brunt of whatever happens to the land, the citizens and to the future generations of Graves County. Only time will tell.

2) Banjo Creek Solar, LLC is just the name of the project and basically a "shell company" who has no employees and therefore, no responsibility. (Is an LLC a shell company? Though there are other types of business entities available, a very common type formed and operated as a shell company is the limited liability company (LLC). In fact, the LLC makes an attractive vehicle for a shell company. Some LLCs can be owned or managed anonymously, and are therefore inherently vulnerable to abuse.). So, forget it if you think Banjo Creek Solar, LLC will assume any responsibility because they already have actually shown us who they are a shell company.

3) Then you get to the core of the onion.

A solar project that has who knows how many negative things lurking within it, but is shouted as the best thing since sliced bread! Time will tell on the effectiveness of solar projects and the damages they do to property values (**Property Values of Homes Near Solar Farms Appraised in New Study** By: [Paige Bennett](#) Published: **March 16, 2023**), farmlands, adjoining farmlands and to the people who are surrounded by them. Even though research says residents can be as close as 300 feet from a solar project a new study says they should be "**What Is a Safe Distance To Live From a Solar Farm?**" According to various research and a [2023 Environmental Impact Report](#) in California indicate that the distance is approximately .5 miles to 1.2

miles from a solar farm, however, long term research (over 20 years) has not been conducted on the impact to property values or environmental or personal health. These are things that the solar project and those who are for it will tell you, but in reality, no one knows what living close to a solar farm will mean 20 years down the road, just like no one understood what “Agent Orange” would do to the soldiers who were exposed to it in Viet Nam. An agent. After being exposed to, thousands are now suffering from the exposure or have died from the exposure of the chemical. I personally know of several who have died from different cancers, lung cancers, blindness and various other illnesses due to Agent Orange. No, life as we know it, has a lot of “what if’s about it, but do we knowingly want to be exposed to things we know might harm us? Are we going to be like the millions of people who have died from exposure to other chemicals and many who continue to die from that same exposure?

- 4) Who will own the one in Farmington, Kentucky once it is approved?
 - a) Who will be responsible for making sure the trees are replanted, making sure runoff isn’t contaminated, making sure the solar project is kept up to what it was proposed to be?
 - b) Will whoever purchases it from GreenGo make sure they follow everything GreenGo promised?
 - c) Will the decommission plan as outlined by GreenGo be followed or will it end up being the responsibility of the citizens of Graves County, Kentucky to clean up the mess that was made by the proposed solar project?
 - d) Do you really think the three (3) farmers are going to have money left to do a decommission?
 - e) We all know deep down who will end up footing the bill for the decommission, what the use of the land will be like and the burden we are leaving our future generations. But, does anyone care?

Now let us get to the “what happens once the project is completed”.

1. Of the 20 solar projects that were listed by GreenGo Energy to the Siting Board on February 2, 2024 by request of the Siting Board, NOT a single one is still owned and operated by GreenGo Energy. Burgaw Solar, 1001 Ebenezer Church Solar, Ennis Solar, 1047 Little Mountain Solar, Pecan Grove Solar, and 1025 Traveller Solar have a Registered Agent of C T Corporation System and the Company Official is Mitchell TE Partnership, LLC, 913 Big Hanaford Road, Centralia, WA 98531. Look up this address and you will find the company is **TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC**, Attn: Lori Schmitt, 913 Big Hanaford Road, Centralia, WA 98531. Yep, that is six (6) that GreenGo Energy has nothing to do with!

2. Others are owned by **Trans Alta Corporation, Box 1900, Station M 110-12Th Avenue SW, Calgary AB T2P**. These being Acme Solar, LLC, Carolina Lily Solar, LLC, 1034 Catherine Lake Solar, LLC, 1051 Lucky Solar LLC, 1008 Matthews Solar LLC, 1073 Onslow Solar, LLC, Solar Lee LLC, Suncaster, LLC, Swansboro Solar, LLLC, Sweet Tea Solar, LLC and 1045 Tomlin Mill Solar, LLC. Yes, eleven (11) out of the twenty (20) GreenGo Energy says they have developed projects that are owned by an out of county corporation.

3. Plott Hound Solar, LLC and Ray Wilson Solar, LLC are owned by North Carolina Solar,

4. Yadkin Solar Farm, LLC an owner could not be located for this solar project. So, who owns it?

I'm not sure what this means, but Opencorporates, which is a database of the Corporate World list **Mitchell II TE Partnership LLC** being connected to everyone of the solar projects completed by GreenGo Energy.

I can't help but believe if this proposed solar project is approved, we the citizens of Graves County, Kentucky will be the ones who will come out on the losing end. I don't put much faith in what GreenGo Energy has said they will do, as I feel they have more than shown they are not willing to give complete, honest answers to the questions which have been raised by the Siting Board and the adjoining landowners.

I can't help but feel that if they give a variance of 500+ feet to 2 residents, that same variance should be given to all residents who the solar project will surround.

I can't help but hope each member of the Siting Board has read, digested, and comprehended everything that has been submitted to them in regard to the project.

Oh, if anyone is interested there is a solar farm for sale in North Carolina for \$5,000,000. 880 TANT - RESIDENTIAL LAND FOR SALE, Zebulon, NC 27597 | 7,710,120 SF

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