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Subject: RE: case #2023-00263 Banjo Creek Solar
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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.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:16 AM
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My Name is Nanetta Rogers, my address is 887 Ory Rd, Murray KY, and I am a registered voter and resident of Graves County. My phone number is [REDACTED]. This letter is in regard to case #2023-0063, Banjo Creek Solar

I feel as though I have a vested interest in this project not only because of my family and their well-being, but also the fact that our lively hood may be affected by the solar project.

My husband and I as well as all three of our children and their families live on and farm or own property within 1/8 of a mile to 2 miles from the Antioch Church Rd/Beech Grove Rd location, as well as a sister and cousins. We have many concerns but two are due to the fact that we live and work south and west of the project, the very direction the wind will blow any smoke or chemical fumes that may one day be released by the solar panels. The amount of water and contamination we will receive from flooding from the site due to the elevation and clearing of the land is also a major concern, not only for us but also for those who are affected by the Mayfield Creek and its tributaries that are included in the project site.

In your meeting you asked if there were any residential areas, and Mr. Fleming responded "no" I beg to differ, at this intersection you will find within a ½ mile radius of

Mr. Dial's property 15 homes, 8 of which are between 50 – 100 years old, and Antioch Church of Christ which has been there since 1853 along with the adjoining graveyard with graves dating back to the late 1800's. This is a residential community that has stood the test of time. Memories have been made there and neighbors still help one another. Please do not allow this neighborhood to become another forgotten community by allowing Banjo Creek to come in and destroy its land and peaceful countryside.

I also have some questions for you and or Banjo Creek Solar, and I realize there will be no response, but I hope that the commission will consider them.

1. Solar power only occurs for 5 hours a day on a sunny day. I wonder why any solar company would be interested in coming into a county where the sun only shines 40 –50% of the time from January through May according to weatherwx.com and its 10-year average of Graves County.
2. A recent article in [Utility Dive](#) describes a growing problem at solar facilities reaching the middle of their useful 25-year lives: the inverters used to convert the current of electricity generated from the panels to be compatible with the greater grid are wearing out after only 10 to 15 years, and most of the manufacturers of these inverters, who were supposed to maintain and guarantee their performance over time, have gone out of business. Will Green Go and Banjo Creek Solar still be here to take care of problems that arise from their facility? According to Mr. Fleming the answer is no, who will then be responsible for the cleanup of the site, the farmers, Graves County, or the commonwealth of KY?
3. Mr. Fleming states repeatedly that meetings with Graves County officials and adjacent landowners were held in 2022 (January 23rd Ky PSC hearing, time date 37:00-37:50) why then does all the filed documents state 2023, does Mr. Fleming not remember when he met with anyone in Graves County? Is this an indication of the professionalism of Banjo Creek and how we can depend on them?
4. According to the University of Ky 2022 census of Agriculture the number of farmed acres in KY has dropped by 500,000 acres and the number of farms has decreased by 6,500 since the last census. WHO will feed the growing population of our country when all the farmland is swallowed up by so-called green energy farms, housing and commercial enterprises?

In closing consider this, according to Graves County web sites and Facebook page our county is known for *its abundant agricultural heritage in tobacco, row crops, dairy and poultry*. Mayor Kathy O'Nan of Mayfield in Graves County said it best in a recent

interview, and her city will also be affected by your decision. Ms. O’Nan “Our community prides ourselves in our deep agricultural history, love for our friends and neighbors, and the strength of our local business and industry.

Do we want to destroy the best our county and country has to offer, land that can never be replaced, just for the sake of a company who is not even registered in KY and those who may come after it?