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PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: CASE NO. 2026-00180

Notice is given to all parties that the enclosed letter to Governor Beshear requesting ad hoc appointment has been filed into the record of this proceeding.

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the document, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Carr, Staff Attorney III, at Nicole.Carr@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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Hon. Governor Andy Beshear
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
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Re: Siting Board Case No. 2026-00180

Dear Governor Beshear:

As the Chair of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chair of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that, on June 30, 2026, the Siting Board received a Notice of Intent from STMO BN, LLC (Starfire) requesting certificates to construct an approximately 200-megawatt electric generation and nonregulated electric transmission line facility in Knott and Perry counties, Kentucky.

The five permanent members of the Siting Board are the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Commissioner of the PSC; the Secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet (or her designee);¹ and the Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet (or his designee).²

In addition to the permanent members of the Siting Board, pursuant to KRS 278.702(1)(d)(2), two local ad hoc public members serve on the Siting Board for the duration of the case as well. Based on the facts as presented in the Notice of Intent, one of the ad hoc members must be either the county judge/executive of Knott County, Hon. Jeff Dobson, or the county judge/executive of Perry County, Hon. Scott Alexander. The judge/executives of Knott County and Perry County will have 30 days from the date of the filing of the application to select which of them will be the ad hoc member for this matter. If the judge/executives are unable to determine which of them will serve, the Governor will have the authority to directly appoint one of them as the member pursuant to KRS 278.8702(1)(d)(2). The second ad hoc appointee must be a legal resident of either Knott

¹ Secretary John Lyons has designated Tony R. Hatton as his designee for this matter.

² Secretary Jeff Noel has designated Keaton Lowe as his designee for this matter.

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County or Perry County, where the proposed merchant electric generation facility will be sited.

Pursuant to KRS 278.710(1), the Siting Board is required to issue its decision granting or denying the application within either 120 days or 180 days (if a local public hearing is held). Therefore, it is vital to the successful completion of the Siting Board's duties that the second ad hoc member be appointed by you as soon as practicable.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information regarding this case. Any communications regarding this case may be directed either to me or Nicole Carr, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-3259. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Angie Hatton
Chair

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON
ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF STMO BN, LLC	)	
(STARFIRE) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF	)	
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 200	)	
MEGAWATT MERCHANT SOLAR ELECTRIC	)	Case No. 2026-00180
GENERATING FACILITY AND NONREGULATED	)	
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE IN KNOTT AND	)	
PERRY COUNTIES, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO	)	
KRS 278.700 AND 807 KAR 5:110	)	

STMO Bn, LLC NOTICE OF INTENT

Comes now STMO Bn, LLC (“Applicant” or “Starfire”), by and through counsel, pursuant to KRS 278.700, *et seq.*, 807 KAR 5:110, Section 2 and other applicable law, and does hereby tender its Notice of Intent to file an application, on or before August 12, 2026, for Certificates to Construct a merchant electric generating facility and nonregulated electric transmission line in Knott and Perry Counties, Kentucky (“Starfire II” or “Project”), respectfully stating as follows:

1. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 2(2)(a), the forthcoming application will be filed by STMO Bn, LLC, 515 N. Flagler Dr., Suite 250, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The applicant’s telephone number is: (661) 565-0808 and its email address is: jacqui.kitchen@brightnightpower.com.
2. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 2(2)(b), the Starfire II solar project will be capable of generating approximately 200 megawatts (MW) of electricity from a solar array covering a total of approximately 2,000 acres. The Project will connect to a substation to be constructed onsite.
3. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 2(2)(b), the Project’s transmission line is a 138 kV nonregulated electric transmission line approximately 4.5 miles in length. The line will run

between the onsite substation and the Harbert switchyard, owned and operated by American Electric Power (AEP).

4. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 2(2)(c), the Project's generation facility is located in unincorporated Knott and Perry Counties, Kentucky, near the community of Talcum. The Project has a street address of: 620 Balls Fork Road, Ary, Kentucky 41712. Its latitude/longitude coordinates are 37°24'13.94"N, 83° 6'50.09"W. The proposed transmission line will be located completely within Knott County. No portion of the Project is located within the boundaries of any municipality.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 2(2)(d), (e), and (f), there is no planning or zoning commission with jurisdiction over the site and no local setback requirements apply to the Project. Upon information and belief, only statutory setbacks apply to the Project.

6. Pursuant to KRS 278.704(4), the Applicant will not seek a deviation from the setback requirements found in KRS 278.704(2).

Dated this 30th day of June 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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