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PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: CASE NO. 2026-00180

Notice is given to all parties that the enclosed letter to Knott County Judge/Executive Jeff Dobson 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell" followed by the initials "RP".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director
On behalf of
The Kentucky State Board on Electric
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Enclosure

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The Honorable Jeff Dobson
Knott County Judge/Executive
54 West Main Street
Hindman, Kentucky 41822

Sent via email: JDobson@knottky.com

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2026-00180

Dear Judge Dobson:

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 20, 2026, the Siting Board received a Notice of Intent from STMO BN, LLC (Starfire) requesting certificates to construct an approximately 200-megawatt merchant solar electric generation facility and an associated nonregulated transmission line, both of which will be located 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, there will be two ad hoc members that will be chosen for this matter. Because the facility subject to Siting Board approval is proposed to be in more than one county, in this instance the proposed merchant solar electric generation facility is to be located in Knott and Perry counties, KRS 278.702(1)(d)(2) requires that one of the ad hoc members "shall be the county judge/executive of a county in which the facility is proposed to be located, to be chosen by majority vote of the county judge/executives of the counties in which the facility is proposed to be located." KRS 278.702(1)(d)(2) also requires the selection of the county judge/executive by a majority vote within 30 days after the filing of Starfire's application.

¹ Secretary John Lyons has designated Tony 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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Otherwise, the Governor will directly appoint the ad hoc member. Accordingly, I respectfully request you and the Perry County Judge/Executive make a determination as to which of you will be serving as the ad hoc Siting Board member for the instant matter and notify me by written letter response on or before August 28, 2026.

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

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