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To: Anita Villines [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Public Comment for Case No. 2020-00391 - Henderson County Solar

Case No. 2020-00391

Thank you for your comments on the application of Henderson County 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, 2020-00391, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2020-00391 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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County Solar's failure to properly notify the Siting Board of transfer as required in Mitigation 26 as noted in Appendix A of the Siting Board's Order entered December 22, 2021.

I would also point out that in this same Order, Order 4 on page 25 states that "Within 30 days of entry, Henderson County Solar will send a copy of this Order to all adjoining landowners who previously were required to receive notice of the Project." I do not recall receiving a copy of the Order even though I did receive notice of the project in letters from Community Energy dated January 20, 2021, May 11, 2021, and June 14, 2021. Another property owner who received the 2021 letters also states that he never received a copy of the Order. I did receive a copy of the site plan at some point; it has an original stamp and is marked "Received" March 11, 2021.

When we were first notified by Community Energy/Henderson County Solar in 2021, I had concerns regarding the proposed development, mainly pertaining to possible glint and glare from the panels and racks themselves as well as possible noise considering that my property is located on 12.5 acres in a rural area and the peace and rural setting is why we have lived here for 25 years. I did not have an issue with the *idea* of the project as long as it did not negatively affect my property or the property of my neighbors.

That was five years ago, and there has been significant change that was not considered in the initial site assessment report evaluation by Harvey Economics and in the site assessment's environmental review and acoustical analysis. Now that Henderson County Solar has failed in its responsibilities to the Siting Board and there is the possibility of either delay or revocation of the construction permit, I ask that you consider this and its implications.

What has changed is the rezoning to heavy industrial and the annexation of over 300 acres into the City of Henderson and the subsequent construction and operation of Pratt Paper, consisting of a large complex with a paper mill and corrugating facility. This complex is directly north on what was agricultural land on the 425 Bypass directly across from Henderson County Solar's proposed project on the south side of the Bypass. The pending construction of the facility was acknowledged in interviews by Harvey Economics with local officials. What was not acknowledged was that the facility would be the source of

intense noise. Residents were unaware of the pending construction of the Pratt facility until the public announcement on July 29, 2021. It began operations in the fall of 2023.

Pratt Paper sited their building and directed multiple exhaust pipes in such a way that has resulted in the greatest amount of the considerable noise generated by the plant being funneled south across the 425 Bypass and directly across Henderson County Solar's proposed development, away from the city and into rural areas. It is an egregious level of noise, disruptive and stressful, with noise levels so intense that although the facility is over a mile away, we can no longer enjoy our house, inside or out. Our property value has plummeted. Our quality of life is severely diminished. We are not the only property owners who have been affected. There has also been a dramatic decrease in wildlife patterns and population. Our ambient decibel level has increased anywhere between 20 to 30 decibels. We have lived here over 25 years, and this level of noise is devastating.

My deep concern is that this magnitude of noise passing directly over hundreds of acres and thousands of glass solar panels between the noise source and my property and other rural residents' properties will result in the amplification of this noise. This is why I respectfully request updated environmental and acoustical reports to determine the detrimental effects that may result. The panels may amplify, disperse, or redirect the noise further into rural areas and cause even greater harm or they may direct it up and away from our homes and wildlife habitats, but there is no way to know without further analysis. It is my belief that these reports should take into account the addition of Pratt Paper and subsequent operational noise directly adjacent to the project area, topography, elevation of nearby homes and Pratt Paper, and the possible and likely effects of sound waves across these panels.

Even though Henderson County Solar's project would not be the source of the noise, it is entirely possible it will intensify and propagate what exists.

In the last two years, I have done a great deal of research on the science of sound and noise pollution as well as decibel measurements versus sound perception. A simple chart equating decibel levels with particular appliances, environmental settings, etc. is misleading and incomplete and not a full picture as to the impact of noise as it does not take sound perception, which varies greatly depending on frequency ranges, into account. I

would also note that acoustical experts agree that a vegetative screening barrier is neither appropriate nor effective as a sound mitigation solution for this level of noise. We rural residents have no protection. There have been no efforts by Pratt Paper to help mitigate the noise, and there is nothing we as property owners can do to block or blunt it.

I have included images below for Henderson County Solar's site plan and Google Earth satellite for your convenience.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my comments and concerns.

Sincerely,

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