From: PSC Public Comment
To: Dewayne Hawkins
Subject: RE: Penrod/Dunmor solar project
Date: Monday, February 16, 2026 3:10:00 PM

Case No. 2024-00406

Thank you for your comments on the application of Lost City Renewables 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, 2024-00406 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at View Case Filings for: 2024-00406 (ky.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Dewayne Hawkins [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 8:10 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Fw: Penrod/Dunmor solar project

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On Thursday, February 12, 2026, 7:08 PM, Dewayne Hawkins [redacted] wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the entire Hawkins family, I am writing to respectfully convey our profound concerns regarding the proposed solar farm development in our cherished community of Penrod.

Our family has been an integral part of this landscape for over 25 years, having established our home at 949 with the specific intention of embracing the tranquil and unspoiled country life. Over this quarter-century, we have

cultivated a deep appreciation for the natural environment, its diverse ecosystems, and the serene beauty it offers. Our 170-acre property not only serves as our residence but also represents valuable agricultural land that we diligently steward. We take immense pleasure in observing the abundant local wildlife, enjoying the peaceful ambiance, and cherishing the picturesque scenery that defines our rural setting.

The prospect of the proposed solar project, particularly its design to encompass three sides of our property, presents a significant threat to the very essence of what makes this area unique and valuable. We are deeply concerned about the irreversible environmental degradation it would cause. This region is home to a rich variety of wildlife, including numerous native wildflowers and several species designated as endangered, most notably the bald eagles that frequent and nest in close proximity to our land. The large-scale industrialization inherent in a solar farm would inevitably lead to extensive habitat destruction, threatening the delicate ecological balance and biodiversity we have diligently observed and protected for decades.

Furthermore, the conversion of substantial acreage of productive farmland into an industrial solar installation would represent an irretrievable loss of agricultural capacity, impacting the local economy and land use. Beyond these ecological and agricultural ramifications, the visual and aesthetic impact on our cherished natural scenery would be devastating, fundamentally altering the peaceful, rural character that defines Penrod and attracted our family here.

We earnestly urge you to meticulously reconsider the approval of this solar project. We believe that the long-term ecological, agricultural, and community impacts far outweigh any perceived benefits. Prioritizing the preservation of Penrod's natural integrity, wildlife habitats, and agricultural heritage is, in our view, of paramount importance.

Thank you for your invaluable time and serious consideration of these critical concerns.

Sincerely,

Dewayne Hawkins
(Representing the Hawkins Family)

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