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July 13, 2021

TO: DIVISION OF FILINGS

RE: Case No. 2020-00370

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF HENDERSON COUNTY SOLAR LLC FOR A

CERTIFICATE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 50

MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY IN FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700 AND 807 KAR

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Please file in the administrative record of the above-referenced case the enclosed copy of letters from Chairman Michael J. Schmitt to Governor Andy Beshear and to Judge/Executive of the Henderson County, Hon. Brad Schneider. Both letters are dated June 29, 2021. The letter to Governor Andy Beshear was mailed with an enclosure of a previous executive order.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Bridwell Executive Director

cc: Parties of Record



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June 29, 2021

Hon. Governor Andy Beshear 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00391

## Dear Governor Beshear:

As the Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chairman of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that, on June 25, 2021, the Siting Board received an application from Henderson County Solar, LLC requesting a certificate to construct an approximately 50 megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility near the City of Henderson, Henderson County, Kentucky.

The five permanent members of the Siting Board are myself; PSC Vice Chairman Kent A. Chandler; PSC Commissioner Talina R. Mathews; Secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet Rebecca W. Goodman (or her designee); and Interim Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet Larry Hayes (or his designee).

In addition to the permanent members of the Siting Board, pursuant to KRS 278.702(1)(d)(1), the Governor must appoint two ad hoc public members to serve on the Siting Board for the duration of the case. Based on the facts as presented in the application, one of the ad hoc appointees must be the county judge/executive of Henderson County, Brad Schneider. The second ad hoc appointee must be a legal resident of Henderson County, where the proposed electric merchant 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 requested). Therefore, it is vital to the successful completion of the Siting Board's duties that the ad hoc members be appointed by you as soon as practicable.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of Executive Order 2021-328, issued by you on May 18, 2021, appointing two ad hoc Siting Board members to a recent Siting Board Case (Case No. 2020-00226). This format may be used by you to appoint the second ad hoc Siting Board member for the present case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Secretary Goodman has designated John S. Lyons as her designee for this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Interim Secretary Hayes has designated Charlie W. Rowland as his designee for this matter.

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Please let me know if I can provide you any additional information regarding this case. Any communications regarding this case may be directed either to me or Cornelius Mance Jr, Staff Attorney III, at (502) 782-2581. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Schmitt

Chairman

## **Enclosure**

cc: Kent A. Chandler, Vice Chairman Public Service Commission Talina R. Mathews, Commissioner Public Service Commission John S. Lyons, Deputy Secretary Energy and Environment Cabinet Charlie W. Rowland, Economic Development Cabinet Matt Osborne, Office of the Governor





## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky

2021 - 328 May 18, 2021

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 278.702 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby appoint the following as members of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting:

Jeffrey Hoover, Jamestown, representing residents of Russell County; and

Gary D. Robertson, County Judge/Executive, Jamestown, representing Russell County.

Please issue commissions to them.

ANDY BESTLEAR, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State

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June 29, 2021

Hon. Brad Schneider, Judge/Executive 20 North Main Street Henderson, Kentucky 42420

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