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May 27, 2021

TO: DIVISION OF FILINGS

RE: Case No. 2020-00392

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MCCRACKEN COUNTY SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 60 MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY IN MCCRACKEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700 AND 807

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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 Chairman of the McCracken County Planning and Zoning Commission, Wayne Elliott. Both letters are dated May 20, 2021.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Bridwell Executive Director

**Enclosure** 

cc: Parties of Record



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May 20, 2021

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

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00392

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 May 11, 2021, the Siting Board received an application from McCracken County Solar, LLC requesting a certificate to construct an approximately 60 megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility near Kevil, McCracken 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);<sup>1</sup> and Interim Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet Larry Hayes (or his designee).<sup>2</sup>

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 Chairman of the McCracken County Planning and Zoning Commission, Wayne Elliott. The second ad hoc appointee must be a legal resident of McCracken 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.

<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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For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of Executive Order 2021-378, issued by you on May 18, 2021, appointing two ad hoc Siting Board members in the most 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.

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, Staff Attorney III, at (502) 782-2581. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Schmitt

Chairman

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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 John McConnell, Office of the Governor



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May 20, 2021

Wayne Elliott, Chairman McCracken County Planning and Zoning Commission 300 Clarence Gaines Street Paducah, Kentucky 42003-1700

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00392

## Dear Chairman Elliott:

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Pursuant to KRS 278.7210(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, Governor Beshear will be appointing you as soon as is practicable.

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