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May 17, 2024

## PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: CASE NO. 2024-00051

Notice is given to all parties that the attached letter requesting ad hoc appointment for Pleasant Valley Solar 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, at [Nicole.Carr@ky.gov](mailto:Nicole.Carr@ky.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE  
Executive Director  
*On Behalf of the Siting Board*

Attachment



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May 16, 2024

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

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2024-00051

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 March 1, 2024, the Siting Board received a Notice of Intent from Pleasant Valley Solar Farm, Inc. requesting certificates to construct an approximately 125-megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility in Lyon and Caldwell 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);<sup>1</sup> and the Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet (or his designee).<sup>2</sup>

In addition to the permanent members of the Siting Board, pursuant to KRS 278.702(1)(d)(2), two local ad hoc public members serve on the Siting Board for the duration of the case. Based on the facts as presented in the Notice of Intent, one of the ad hoc members must be either the county judge/executive of Lyon County, Hon. Jaime Green-Smith, or the county judge/executive of Caldwell County, Hon. William D. Young. The judge/executives of Lyon County and Caldwell County will have 30 days from the date of the filing of the application to select which of them will be the ad hoc member for this matter. If the judge/executives are unable to determine which of them will serve, the Governor will have the authority to directly appoint one of them as the member pursuant to KRS 278.8702(1)(d)(2). The second ad hoc appointee must be a legal resident of either Lyon County or Caldwell County, where the proposed electric merchant generation facility and transmission line will be sited.

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<sup>1</sup> Secretary Rebecca W. Goodman has designated John S. Lyons as her designee for this matter.

<sup>2</sup> Secretary Jeff Noel has designated Sydney Montgomery as his designee for this matter.

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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 held). Therefore, it is vital to the successful completion of the Siting Board's duties that the second ad hoc member be appointed by you as soon as practicable.

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 Nicole Carr, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-3259. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kent A. Chandler  
Chairman

Enclosure



March 1, 2024

Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
P. O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Notice of Intent to File Application of Pleasant Valley Solar Farm LLC for a Certificate of Construction for: an approximately 125-Megawatt Merchant Electric Solar Generating Facility in Lyon and Caldwell counties, Kentucky pursuant to KRS 278.700, *et seq.*, and 807 KAR 5:110

To Whom It May Concern:

Pleasant Valley Solar Farm LLC (“Pleasant Valley”) hereby submits for filing this Notice of Intent to file an application for a Certificate of Construction for an approximately 125 MWac solar facility (“Pleasant Valley Project”).

- a. The name, address and telephone number of the person who intends to file the application is:

Pleasant Valley Solar Farm LLC  
353 N. Clark Street, 30th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60654  
Phone: (872) 257-4451  
Attention: Paul Griffin, Development Manager  
Email: paul.griffin@rwe.com

- b. The proposed construction is briefly described as follows:

The facility will be located on approximately 1,027 acres include and associated racking (approximately 125 MW), inverters, and a project substation.

- c. The proposed Pleasant Valley Project will be located in the vicinity of 2127 Pleasant Valley Road Princeton, KY 42445. The latitude and longitude are 37° 07' 52.123114"N, 088° 00' 59.942218"W. The Pleasant Valley Project is not located within the limits of any city.
- d. On information and belief, Lyon County is a member of a Joint Planning and Zoning Commission, whose mailing address is PO Box 602, Eddyville, KY 42038; however, it does not appear that Lyon County has county-wide comprehensive zoning regulations outside of city limits. It does not appear that Caldwell County has a planning and zoning commission.



- e. On February 8, 2024, the Lyon County Fiscal Court voted to approve an ordinance related to solar energy systems in the County; however, Pleasant Valley believes that the ordinance was not validly adopted. The ordinance would have a 2,000-foot setback between the project's footprint and non-participating property lines and road or railway rights of way. On information and belief, Caldwell County does not have any zoning regulations.
- f. There are no residential neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, or nursing home facilities within 2,000 feet of the Pleasant Valley Project, and therefore, the applicant will not need to request a deviation from the setback requirements found in KRS 278.704(2).

Thank you for accepting this Notice of Intent to File Application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Griffin

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