COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

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ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF PIKE COUNTY)	
SOLAR PROJECT, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN UP TO 100)	CASE NO.
MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR)	2024-00105
GENERATING FACILITY IN PIKE COUNTY,)	
KENTUCKY	ĺ	

<u>ORDER</u>

On Friday, September 27, 2024, at 10:56 p.m. Pike County Solar Project, LLC (Pike County Solar) filed a motion for certain witnesses to appear virtually for the evidentiary hearing that is scheduled October 3, 2024, at 9 a.m. The witnesses included the lead project developer Jeannine Johnson, the director of permitting Christina Martens, the economist Paul Coomes, and the principal scientist Tony Agresti. Pike County Solar did not provide a reason for why the witnesses needed to appear virtually.

On September 30, 2024, Pike County Solar filed a motion to reschedule the hearing scheduled for October 3, 2024. Pike County Solar stated that two of the Project's key witnesses, Jeannine Johnson and Erich Miarka of Savion, LLC, are stranded in North Carolina due to Hurricane Helene and are without power and electricity and only have intermittent cell phone service. Additionally, Pike County Solar stated that the roads in and out of the area are indefinitely closed. Pike County Solar requested that the hearing be rescheduled to October 16, 2024.

Having considered the Siting Board finds that the evidentiary hearing in this matter should be rescheduled for October 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Pike County Solar has established good cause resulting from a natural disaster for a continuance in this matter. In addition, the Siting Board finds that the motion for witnesses to appear virtually is denied as moot since the hearing has been continued to a later date. The Siting Board expects the witnesses to appear in person on the new date. Pike County Solar should take notice that the Siting Board will not permit witnesses to participate virtually unless there is a good cause.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Pike County's motion for certain witnesses to appear virtually is denied as moot.
 - 2. Pike County's motion to reschedule the hearing is granted.
- 3. A hearing in this matter shall be held on October 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.
- 4. Witnesses who sponsor testimony or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at the hearing scheduled in this matter.
- 5. Pike County Solar shall give notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:110, Section 9(1).
- 6. Pike County Solar shall file a witness list at least five days prior to the hearing.

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ATTEST:

Public Service Commission on behalf of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation

and Transmission Siting

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