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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Carol Shrewsbury Galloway. I live in McQuady, KY in Breckinridge County. I am writing this letter to the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting to express my concerns about the possibility of EDP Renewables (New Frontiers) receiving a certificate of construction to build Clover Creek Solar Project LLC in Breckinridge County. I am requesting the Board to schedule a local public hearing for numerous reasons.

This is the first solar project for EDP Renewables in Kentucky. EDP Renewables North America is a subsidiary of the parent company, which is located in Portugal. This private company is a foreign-based company whose largest shareholder, under the parent company, is GIC. GIC is the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation. Six to Eight weeks ago, when I began researching the company, the largest shareholder under the parent company was listed as China Three Gorges (CTG) and has recently shifted to GIC. In 2018 CTG attempted to takeover EDP; however, it did not happen. It is concerning that the country of China has a great deal of power in this company and will be in control of and destroy the viability of some of Kentucky's best farm ground through this acquisition. EDP is also purchasing farm ground in Breckinridge County. I am so upset that HB 575 did not get signed into law in April because allowing thousands of acres of our best farm ground to fall into the hands of foreigners is both dangerous and criminal! The ground will be destroyed, and who knows what else can transpire in regards to such acquisition.

It saddens me that so many of our local landowners are signing deals with this company, but the money this company is throwing at them is very enticing. I believe the entire plot to be nefarious in numerous ways. Many neighboring landowners will have to deal with the negative ramifications that comes with solar farms. The high-pitched noise associated with the cooling fans, the water run-off from the construction, the devaluation of their property (independent appraisers have identified multiple case studies of diminution of 30%), loss of ag businesses and ag jobs, and the ever-present danger of fires. There are more. Who is protecting these neighbors? Where are their rights?

In Breckinridge County, we only have small volunteer fire departments. Our VFDs are not equipped or trained to handle the toxic fires that could exist due to enormous solar farms. In the devastating event that one occurs, we would have to allow it to burn. The toxic smoke will pollute our air and water runoff and cause evacuations. It saddens me to think of this. Not to mention that their Clover Creek Solar Project sits adjacent to Texas Gas,

which operates pipelines and facilities necessary for the transportation and storage of natural gas. I question the placement of a solar farm next to Texas Gas. Also, large scale photovoltaic systems can cause unacceptable levels of interference to buried pipelines and increase the risk of accelerated external corrosion.

The fact that commercial solar developers benefit from a state regulation that classifies solar electric generation as "manufacturing" enabling them to qualify for locally issued Industrial Revenue Bonds to finance their projects is ridiculous. It robs Kentucky taxpayers of revenue that could otherwise be put towards pension liabilities, education, infrastructure, and other priorities.

Ultimately, this solar project will negatively impact our beautiful county in numerous ways. Once this happens, life will never be the same. There are so many more negatives I can give, but I know you have seen/heard them all. It is my hope and prayer that these plans are stalled and ultimately stopped before harm occurs.

Thank you for your time!

Carol Shrewbury Galloway