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From: PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov> Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 8:44 AM To: Robin Lowery Cc: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: RE: Clover Creek solar- 2024-00253

Thank you for contacting the Public Service Commission (PSC). Your email is being forward to the PSC mailbox for written comments located at

psc.comment@ky.gov.

Thank you and have a great day.



From: Robin Lowery Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 2:32 PM To: PSC Meeting <<u>PSC.Meeting@ky.gov</u>> Subject: Clover Creek solar- 2024-00253



There is not enough room in an email to say what I feel on the case of Clover Creek solar 2024-00253. Honestly, does it really matter and will this get read or just lost in the shuffle. I don't know, but I do not want to have any regrets about not standing up for what is right. Deep pockets, lies, and deceit seem to be the normal business practice these days and it's heartbreaking to say the least. First thing and most importantly that I would like to say is "Thank you", thank you to all the farmers who feed us, cloth us, heat our homes, grow our Christmas trees, and SO much more. We speak about making things more sustainable and leaving the world a better place for our children our grandchildren, but yet we continue to make decisions that do not reflect that mindset. As I sat in the meeting in hardinsburg and I listen to the people around me and I watched as families were pulled apart by corporations that could care less about anyone but themselves, it was heartbreaking. If they truly thought that these solar Fields were a good idea these properties would be purchased and not leased. That shows you that what they are doing is not sustainable. In 25 to 30 years those contracts will be up and possibly sooner, you will be left with a barren piece of land that will be damaged beyond our thoughts. If a corporation believes in what they're doing they will purchase a property. Property leases allow individuals not to be 100% responsible for what happens on said property. What really saddens me is to see how we do not support our Farmers like we should. When a farmer feels they have to make a decision like giving away their hard-earned property to a corporation that will not nurture and care for the land as they have and the families before them, ask ourselves why we allow this to happen. Why should they get to this point? Growth I understand is inevitable but growth in the wrong direction can and has been detrimental to some areas. In real estate there is a saying "Best and highest use of property" as stated in the meeting during their review they clearly state that this is not research that they do prior to leasing the property. Ask yourself why? They also do not show the effects of surrounding properties in regards to their value. Ask yourself why? These corporations are only leasing the property, they completely disregard these important factors because they aren't purchasing the property. They are simply there to ride the coattails of the owner and use it until it's depleted and move along. I can go on for days with reasons to why these solar fields are not the answer but I will just simply end this by, if we continue to give away the land that feeds us I can say with 100% of my being that we will blink one day and wonder why our plates are empty. Thank you for your time. Robin Lowery Hardinsburg KY 40143.

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From: Andrew Matthews Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2024 8:10 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Solar farms in Breckinridge County 2024-00253

To whom it may concern,

I continue to find more evidence to not have solar farms in our county.

Click here to view another story of the dangers of solar <u>https://m.facebook.com/groups/585243040676157/permalink/599934142540380/?</u>

Please view this video of how difficult it is to put out fires at these locations and remember we have a local volunteer fire department that more than likely lacks the resources and I'd rather them not be in danger as well.

Sincerely,

Andrew Matthews

Hardinsburg, KY 40143

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From: Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 11:16 AM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: 2024-00253

I'm sending this in regards to the solar panel farms coming to Ky especially Breckinridge Co. I'm completely against this. Not sure why we need them but we definitely need our farmers and they need the ground for crops and animals we need for food. We've done without solar panel farms for all our lives and don't think we need them now. It is a good idea to put the panels over parking lots and could also block sun and bad weather from the cars under them. If not enough room, they could be put over top building roofs. They just don't need to take up farm land. We have to think of the future of our younger generations. Thank you Jo Burden

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Andrew Matthews Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 7:27 AM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Solar farms in Breckinridge county 2024-00253



To whom it may concern,

While I agree that landowners can do what they want and it's their right to do so, I can't help but wonder if it's right or not to have such an impact on the entire county like this. Typically if someone does something on their land there is no impact on anyone else. This has a different feel. This decision could and has the potential of a great mistake that could spell the end of this county. It hurts me that farmers have come to this point and one would think that they understand the consequences of land degradation. It's sad that they're in this position to begin with and being tempted with money dangling in front of their faces. We should have more farmers in this country and maintain the farmland that we do have and they should be more compensated for their hard work. If they were paid by the hour they'd be the wealthiest people in the world. The number of farms in this country have reduced by far too many and have been bought by huge cooperations and those such as Bill Gates to gain a stranglehold on prime land in attempts at a healthier world. I don't trust those who seek to gain a dollar in claims of wanting my own personal wellbeing. Bill Gates is also claiming that we are over populated and that by vaccines and healthcare availability that they can reduce the population by a large percentage. God told us to be fruitful and multiply, not the other way around. Off topic but this is another example of claims of good intentions that will benefit all. I strongly disagree.

I plead with all parties involved and those judging this case to please stop this before it's too late. As my fellow community members have said, I can't chew on a dollar or a solar panel. I've been seeing other stories of other small town country places where these solar companies were turned down. I strongly encourage you all to look up those cases and see why else they came to their decision to stop solar farms. I pray we're the next to rid these and protect this county of its prime farmland.

Sincerely,

Andrew Matthews

, Hardinsburg, KY 40143

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From: Andrew Matthews Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:49 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Solar farms in Breckinridge county 2024-00253



To whom it may concern,

I'd like to know what plan is in place to accumulate all these panels that eventually go out of service. Where do they dispose of them? How can they be recycled if at all possible? What happens to the toxic chemicals or substances? Does it leach into the ground water? Does it disrupt plants and trees?

To these questions I would actually prefer that they would be researched by those not in the solar industry. This is a result of recent events that basically proves that a large percentage of scientists agree with whoever is funding them.

Sincerely,

Andrew Matthews

Hardinsburg, KY 40143

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From: Andrew Matthews Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:42 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Fwd: 2024-00253.



------ Forwarded message ------From: **Robert Miller** Date: Wed, Dec 11, 2024 at 9:13 AM Subject: 2024-00253. To: <<u>psc.commemt@ky.gov</u>>

I would like to submit the attached link to a Harvard Business Review Article titled "the Dark Side of Solar Power" for your consideration.

The article describes the miscalculation regarding replacements of Solar Panels required and the real problem associated with the disposal of the panels (Which the Article titles "The Solar Trash Wave) . Specifically, The panels will have to be replaced more frequently than predicted and Because it is cheaper to dispose of these panels than to refurbish them our landfills will be overwhelmed. The unexpected costs to the Federal , State and Local Governments will dictate increases in taxes to account for this issue. Because of this potential expense , consideration must be given to passing legislation holding the companies accountable prior to the purchase. The majority of the panels are produced in China and if Legislation holding these companies responsible is not enacted soon the companies may not be in operation once the problem described above is realized.

Additionally, the article states that some Governments classify the "panels as hazardous waste, due to the small amounts of heavy metals (cadmium, lead, etc.) they contain. This classification carries with it a string of expensive restrictions — hazardous waste can only be transported at designated times and via select routes, etc."

For the reasons highlighted above and detailed in the attached article, I encourage you to delay approval until these issues can be resolved. The implications for taxpayers and the health of our citizens can not be overstated.

https://hbr.org/2021/06/the-dark-side-of-solar-power

Respectfully,

Robert Miller

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From: suzanne Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 2:14 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Ref# 2024-00253

Good afternoon. My name is Marilyn Suzanne Lawson Hardinsburg Ky 40143. I have been a resident of Breckinridge County since 1975. My parents bought a farm and moved our family to Hardinsburg to escape city life in Louisville, KY. They chose Breckinridge Co because of its' beautiful farm land, breathtaking scenery, clean air and small town atmosphere. I am heartbroken at the thought of this agricultural community being destroyed with solar panels. Not only the beauty of our land is in danger but many unknowns for the future. I have many concerns including declining property values, possible toxic materials and noise from the solar panels, future food shortage as a result of the loss of crop acres that will NEVER be brought back to cropable standards. Also, we have several agricultural businesses that employ many of our residents. These businesses will definitely see a negative impact and these jobs will be in jeopardy. The employees will be forced to leave the county for employment if these businesses cannot survive. This will affect the county's economy negatively in more ways than one. We are a farming community with many young people hoping to make or continue farming as their way of supporting their families. If the amount of farming acreage decreases drastically I fear there will not be enough farmland to support these families. This is not just a job in our area but a big piece of our hearts and dreams. Please do not allow this devastation to invade Breckinridge County more than it already has.

I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to read our comments and take them into consideration when making this difficult decision.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Suzanne Lawson

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