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KY Siting Board PO Box 615 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear Siting Board:

Please enter into public record these concerns and questions presented on May 5, 2025 to Lost City Renewables LLC, Project 2024-00406.

Thank you,

Adjoining Property Owners, Danny Mitchell Dana Mitchell Stephen Wood Rhonda Wood May 5, 2025 10:00 AM-11:00AM

To: The Officials of Lost City Renewables LLC CC: KY Siting Board Re: Project 2024-00406

From: Adjoining Property Owners Danny Mitchell, Dana Mitchell Stephen Wood, Rhonda Wood

Please accept our concerns and questions in writing today at this one hour public meeting concerning the 1,412 acre solar farm proposed for the communities of Penrod and Dunmor in Southeast Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

We realize that a one hour meeting allows little time for your presentation plus answers to questions raised by the public. That is why we chose to inquire in writing and copy our concerns to the KY Siting Board. We are also including our email addresses should you wish to answer any of our questions.

Unfortunately, this brief session in which you only go through the motions of holding a second public meeting may lead to permission to begin construction on a project that will bring vast changes to our neighborhood. Our questions follow.

- 1. Would you please give a complete description of the Lost City Renewables LLC that includes owners, officers, partners and any other associates involved in planning, construction and the operation of power delivery. This should include all private and governmental agencies. You speak of being a good neighbor. We just want to know who these neighbors are.
- 2. What is the amount of federal subsidies that Lost City Renewables LLC will receive if this project is approved and completed?

- 3. What is the amount of county and/or state subsidies that Lost City Renewables LLC will receive if the project is approved and completed?
- 4. You have mapped adjoining land owners. Will you please name these owners and then list the number of feet for the setback planned on each property? After all, some new owners are building cabins in the woods while ALL of us need to know how close we will be to the black plastic panels.
- 5. Would you please give more details about the decommissioning plan? Since some of us may not be alive 30 years from now and members of Lost City Renewables LLC may be retired leaving the solar farm possibly under different ownership, this contract of decommissioning seems impossible. When the system comes down and the land is required to be left as it was found, who will enforce the contract? There is no certainty in governmental laws nor enforcement of them. Who will property owners call for help in restoring the land? How will the black plastic panels, the metal racks, the underground electrical cables be disposed of? And the 800+ acres of trees and native grasses that once graced the land? They will be gone.
- 6. A simple question but probably the most important one: What will a school bus do when it meets a large transport truck carrying heavy equipment or construction materials on the narrow Forgy Mill Road?
- 7. We have been advised by a member of META
  - (Muhlenberg Economic and Tourism Association) that this is America... an owner can do what he wants with his own land! We would ask why the two LLC owners who are also residents of Muhlenberg would care nothing about destroying the beautiful landscape of Southeast Muhlenberg. Why would taking down more than 800 acres of generational forests and replacing them with black plastic panels make our air cleaner? We would ask why we as property owners would have to suffer diminutive property values and the loss of use and quiet enjoyment of our properties that border the project. After all, you have protected yourself from these loses in an amendment to your own lease.

8. In reading your filings with the PSC, we respect some of the experienced and well-known experts you have referenced for environmental and economical studies. However, when all your studies point to the same conclusion that this project will bring great benefits to the environment, the wildlife, our drinking water and our economy, we step back looking for objectivity and the relativity of each study to our own time and our own neighborhood. Our questions today: Is there a group of so-called experts for hire by large solar companies to report exactly the biased findings needed to convince authorities this is a great project? For our specific area, why are there no references to loss of property values, run-off, displacement of wildlife, construction workforce from real projects like the one in Robards, KY?

We would appreciate a response. Thank you.

**Rhonda and George Wood** 

**Dana and Danny Mitchell**