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To whom it may concern regarding PSC Case #2024-00406:

How much 'acting in bad faith' does it take to spoil a contract? How much effort to deceive defines a bad actor?

As Lost City Renewables LLC attempts to gain a permit for construction of a 1,413 acre solar farm in Muhlenberg County, we recognize ambiguous and illogical statements thrown to the PSC and the public in order to meet the requirements of a construction permit. The stakes are high. If the PSC deadlines are met and enough information is offered, Lost City Renewables LLC will become a wholesale merchant of high voltage electricity to TVA.

On May 5, 2025, in order to hold a second required meeting with the public, Lost City scheduled a ONE HOUR meeting in Muhlenberg County to explain their plan for the proposed solar farm. Forty to fifty people crowded into the small meeting room at the MEGA Building in Powderly to learn that they could not speak but should submit questions in writing on a note card. Lost City promised to answer all written questions on their web site. At this time, however, the questions and answers are not available on lostcitysolar.com.

During this brief session, Lost City associates did respond to a few written questions like the one about the present closure of Hwy 431 due to a break in the road. Their curt response was simply that they were aware the road had caved. Officials had visited the site. However, this did not answer our questions about large vehicles coming to Penrod/Dunmor during the 12-18 months of construction causing this road to give way again for a third time. Hwy 431 has been closed for a few weeks now because underground tunnels not maintained by the railroad have caved twice already. Presently all traffic must detour through narrow connecting roads that are busy and unsafe.

Several in attendance on May 5 were members of a local labor union, LIUNA. According to a LIUNA representative, Lost City associates have been speaking with them about the fact that labor on this project would be union and would give jobs to 500-700 construction workers that could be hired from LIUNA members in Muhlenberg and surrounding counties. Additionally, unemployed skilled labor previously working at the Paradise TVA plant and coal mines that are now closed would be included in the hiring. Lost City had promised to pay prevailing wages for skilled workers and offered employment for 12-18 months. These workers were excited. They and their union representatives helped fill the room. They had also shown up as a group at the public hearing on 5/26/25. They had their hearts set on getting a job if only for a short period of time. However, a bait and switch tactic was revealed when Lost City officials stated at this public meeting that they had no contract with LIUNA and they would not even be doing the hiring. In fact, hiring would be done after bidding through a third party, the EPC, Engineering Procurement and Construction. When pressed about a future contract with the union, the Lost City representative gave no promise of a future contract just saying it (construction work) would be bid. His final statement was, "We will not be doing the hiring."

In response to a written question concerning the harm to wildlife, Lost City once again reported endangering wildlife would be negligible since there are 21-40 deer estimated on the 1,413 acres and there are no eagle nests. Shouts from the crowd were a huge rebuttal from those who have photos of eagles and on most days can count that many deer in one single location on adjoining properties.

Obvious effort to avoid a direct answer came when a written question posed the inquiry whether Sunrise Renewables has ever completed a project. The answer was that Sunrise does not own any project. Lost City is part of the parent company, Copenhagen.

"Lost City is just a name," the rep said. He dodged the question of whether this is their first experience of building a solar complex for Lost City.

When asked why this meeting was set for one hour on a Monday morning 10:00-11:00 am when some in attendance had to miss work, the response from a Lost City rep was "There was never a right time to have it but new stuff kept coming from the Siting board we had to get done." Again, there was no direct answer.


A hypothetical question about the action Lost City would take if a fire that began on the solar farm spread to a neighboring home owned by someone who did not hold a lease with Lost City. The answer was that the home owner's insurance would investigate to find if it was the fault of the system and that's why insurance exists. This ambiguous reply evaded the question and placed responsibility on homeowners to purchase insurance that would protect themselves from solar fires.

When the question was asked about the noise level for nearby residents, a Lost Solar Representative answered that sound mitigation will be used during construction and inverters that can be heard are old machines. This suggested that Lost City will use more modern inverters. This was a very brief answer to an important question but one that left even more concerns about modern solar inverters since Reuters has recently reported that some in China contain hidden remote controls for energy infrastructure.

As reported more than once by Lost City, the design is only 20-30% complete. Permission to start construction basically gives Lost City carte blanche to change the plan and complete it to their economic advantage. A project this size could completely change the lives of all those who live and own property in Penrod and Dunmor. Additionally, giving Lost City approval for construction would be communicating we know you have never done a project before, but we trust you.

We cannot say we trust Lost City. Avoiding clear communications, filing biased studies and making false promises as they did to LIUNA does not create trust. What they have done is cruel. I ask that you reject this permit. Below is a link to the recording of the May 5 public meeting along with reference to the Reuters statement concerning spyware imbedded to control solar infrastructure.

Thank you,



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