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East Kentucky Power Granted Approval for Solar Facilities

Proposed solar projects to be built in Marion and Fayette Counties

FRANKFORT, Ky. (December 26, 2024) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has granted East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCNs) for the construction of two proposed solar power facilities. The CPCNs will allow EKPC to construct a 96 megawatt facility in Marion County (Northern Bobwhite Solar Project), north of Lebanon, Kentucky and east of Highway 55. Also, EKPC will construct a 40 megawatt facility in Fayette County, Kentucky (Bluegrass Plains Solar Project) south of Interstate 64 and north of Winchester Road (US 60), approximately 3.2 miles from Clark County.

The PSC held an evidentiary hearing on the matter in October, receiving testimony in the matter. The hearing was open to the public, included public comments at the beginning of the hearing, and a video of the proceeding can be found on Commission's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@KYPSC>. The PSC has found that these projects meet the statutory criteria, as set by the Kentucky General Assembly, that the facilities are necessary to ensure reasonable rates and services for Kentucky electric customers and will not result in wasteful duplication of services. Additionally, the PSC required EKPC to take appropriate mitigation measures to minimize any effects on surrounding properties during construction and operation. Additional documents and information can be found at <http://psc.ky.gov/case/viewcasefilings/2024-00129>.



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