

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION
AND TRANSMISSION SITING

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF STMO BN, LLC)	
(STARFIRE) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 200)	
MEGAWATT MERCHANT SOLAR ELECTRIC)	CASE NO.
GENERATING FACILITY AND NONREGULATED)	2026-00180
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE IN KNOTT AND)	
PERRY COUNTIES, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO)	
KRS 278.700 AND 807 KAR 5:110)	

ORDER

On August 25, 2026, STMO, Bn, LLC (Starfire) filed an application seeking a Construction Certificate, pursuant to KRS 278.706, to construct a 200-megawatt merchant electric solar facility in Knott and Perry counties, Kentucky. After the application was filed, on September 22, 2026, the Siting Board received a timely filed request, signed by three persons seeking a local public hearing.¹ Pursuant to KRS 278.712(1), the Siting Board, on its own motion, finds that a local public hearing should be scheduled in this matter on October 15, 2026, at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

KRS 278.712(1) states that

[t]he [Siting] board may convene a local public hearing upon receipt of a request by not less than three (3) interested persons that reside in a county...in which the facility is proposed to be constructed. If the facility is proposed to be located in more than one (1) county, the board may convene a local public hearing and the hearing shall be held in the county with the largest population not more than sixty (60) days after receipt of a completed application...

¹ Public Comments, Cameron Combs, Archie Everage and Belinda Conley's Request for Public Comment Meeting (filed Sept. 25, 2026).

Siting Board regulation 807 KAR 5:110, Section 8(2), requires that the requests for a local public hearing be made in writing no later than 30 days after a completed application is filed.

Based upon the timely requests received from multiple Knott County residents, the Siting Board finds that a local public hearing shall be scheduled on October 15, 2026, at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Since this project is going to be located in more than one county and Perry County has the largest population, as such, the local hearing will be held at the Perry County Fiscal Courthouse, at 481 Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky 41701. Starfire shall give public notice of the local public hearing as required in 807 KAR 5:110, Section 9(2). Starfire shall submit proof to the Siting Board of such notice at least three days prior to the October 15, 2026 local public hearing.

Siting Board regulation 807 KAR 5:110, Section 8(3)(b), requires that the Siting Board provide notice of the local public hearing to the Knott and Perry County Judge Executives at least 14 days prior to the hearing date. The Siting Board finds that a copy of this Order shall be served upon Knott and Perry County Judge Executives.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. A local public hearing in this matter is scheduled for October 15, 2026, at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the Perry County Fiscal Courthouse, 481 Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky 41701.
2. Starfire shall give timely notice of this local public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in Knott and Perry counties as required by 807 KAR 5:110, Section 9(2).

3. Starfire shall submit proof to the Siting Board of the notice to the public at least three days prior to the October 15, 2026 hearing.

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Entered on this 2nd day of October, 2026.

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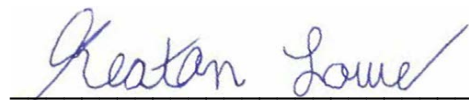
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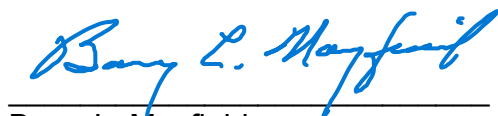
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