

**KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING**

**MT. OLIVE CREEK SOLAR, LLC
CASE NO. 2020-00226**

Statement of Certification

Comes the Affiant, Solomon Van Meter, and after first being duly sworn upon oath, hereby states as follows:

1. I am a consultant to Mt. Olive Creek Solar, LLC (“Company”), with regard to the Company’s proposed Mt. Olive Creek Solar Project (“Project”) in Russell County, Kentucky. My business address is: 450 Old Vine Street, Suite 300, Lexington, Kentucky 40507.

2. On May 10, 2021, Mr. Cameron Tiller (“Mr. Tiller”) appeared during the public comment portion of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court and expressed concerns about the Project. Although I was not present at that meeting, I have watched the video recording of Mr. Tiller’s presentation which is available on the Facebook page for the Russell County Fiscal Court. During his presentation to the Russell County Fiscal Court Mr. Tiller asked for a well-advertised, in-person public forum on the Project.

3. On June 9, 2021, Mr. Tiller filed a letter with the Kentucky Board on Electric Generation and Transmission in the matter of the application of Mt. Olive Creek Solar, LLC (Case No. 2020-00226). In his letter Mr. Tiller stated that “...additional steps must be taken by...the company to answer questions and/or provide more information.” He further stated that he was “... requesting an in person public meeting be held at a physical location large enough for any citizen in the county who may have questions or concerns...inside Russell County and well announced beforehand...”

4. Mr. Tiller is the administrator of the private Facebook group “Russell Countians Against Industrial Solar” (“RCAIS”). RCAIS was created by Mr. Tiller on May 26, 2021, and appears to be widely viewed.

5. On August 3, 2021, I met with Mr. Tiller at his home to discuss the Project and answer his questions about the Project. During the meeting with Mt. Tiller I offered, on behalf of the Company, to hold an in-person forum to provide additional information about the Project (the “Informational Forum”). Mr. Tiller welcomed this proposal and agreed to post a notice of the Informational Forum on RCAIS.

6. On August 12, 2021, after the Company secured a venue and arranged for the appearances of various subject matter experts, I provided Mr. Tiller, by email, a detailed announcement for the Informational Forum which contained the date/time, venue location, subject matter and host of the event. A copy of the announcement is attached as Exhibit A. Mr. Tiller confirmed to me that he posted the announcement for the Informational Forum on RCAIS.

7. On August 24, 2021, the Informational Forum described in the announcement was held in the gymnasium of the Russel Springs Elementary School, a venue located within two miles of the Project site. At the Informational Forum the Company displayed large-scale site plans showing details of the proposed footprint and layout of the Project. Also at the Informational Forum the Company provided a complete hard-copy of the application and all supporting documents filed with the Kentucky Board on Electric Generation and Transmission in the matter of the application of Mt. Olive Creek Solar, LLC (Case No. 2020-00226), for reference and review by attendees. Attendees were given pamphlets which contained the Company’s contact information and answers to frequently asked questions. COVID-19 protocols were observed during the Informational Forum.


8. The following subject matter experts and consultants appeared at the Informational Forum to answer questions from attendees: Marty Marchaterre (Senior Environmental Planner with Copperhead Consulting; environmental and wildlife expert), Chris Sandifer (PE; public utility electrical engineer, landowner/host of solar power generation installation in North Carolina), Rich Kirkland (Kirkland Appraisals, Associates; solar real estate valuation expert), Ben Lindermeier (Engie North America, Director of Project Development; project/construction manager), Matt Mooney (Engie North America, Director of Business Development), Carson Harkrader (CEO, Carolina Solar Energy; project developer), Solomon Van Meter (Senior Project Manager, Energy and Land Services with Bowman Consulting). Photos of the Informational Session are attached as Exhibit B.

9. I hereby certify that I have personal knowledge of the information contained herein and that the statements made in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge.



Solomon Van Meter

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
this 13th day of September, 2021.



Notary Public
My commission expires 4/13/24
Notary ID # KYUP6306

EXHIBIT A

Mt Olive Creek Solar, LLC

An ENGIE North America Company



Information Forum

Russell Springs Elementary School Gym

August 24, 2021

6:30 pm

Dear Resident,

Please join us for an Information Forum to discuss the development of the Mt Olive Creek Solar Project located in Northern Russell County.

This meeting will be an opportunity for neighbors to ask questions and learn more about the Project.

In advance of the Information Forum, you can find more details on ENGIE and the Project at the following website:

<https://mtolivecreeksolar.com/>

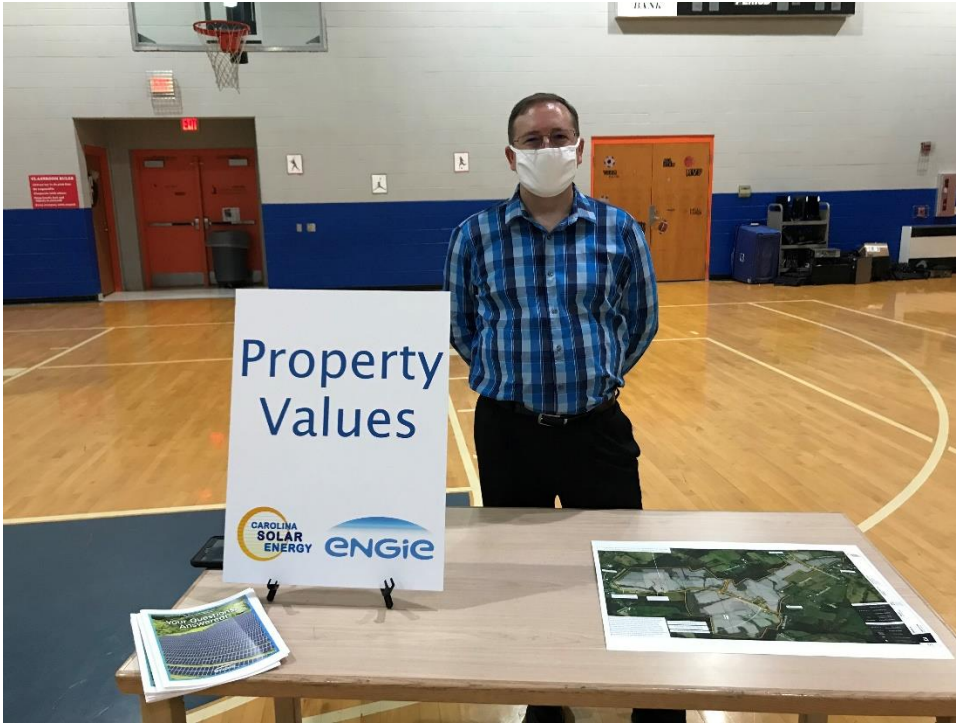
EXHIBIT B



Attendees asking questions (pictured: Carson Harkrader, Cameron Tiller, Trinity Coffey, Sierra Coffey, Ben Lindermeier, Matt Mooney)



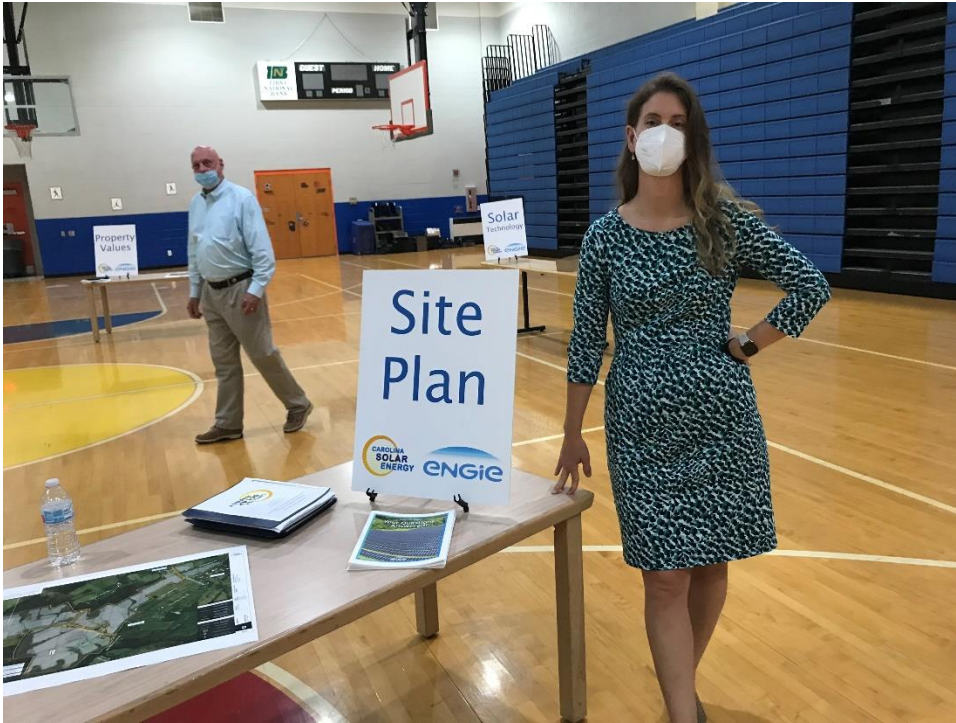
Informational Forum (COVID-19 precautions)



Rick Kirkland



Chris Sandifer, PE



Carson Harkrader, CEO, Carolina Solar Energy



Ben Lindermeier, Engie North America



Matt Mooney, Engie North America



Marty Marchaterre, Copperhead Consulting