

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD  
ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING**

**In the Matter of the Application of Mt Olive Creek            )**  
**Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct    )** **Case No. 2020-00226**  
**a Merchant Electric Generating Facility                    )**

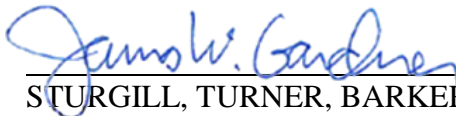
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**NOTICE OF FILING**

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Comes Mt Olive Creek Solar, LLC (hereinafter, the “Applicant”) , by counsel, and pursuant to ordering paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 4 of the Siting Board’s July 21, 2020, Order approving form of notice, hereby files the relevant documents. Exhibit 1 to this Notice is a copy of the Notice of the Public Meeting as published in *The Times Journal* from Russell County on July 23, 2020. The Exhibit includes a copy of the substantive information contained in the newspaper publication. Exhibit 2 to this Notice is a copy of the information sent to adjacent property owners that was mailed on July 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



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The proposed photovoltaic solar project will consist of solar panels installed on racks with an approximate maximum height of 15 feet, inverters, transformers, an energy storage system, associated wiring and balance of system, and a substation. The power generated by the project will be linked to the electric transmission grid via the existing transmission easement that crosses the property. The project will install a visual vegetative buffer along portions of the perimeter of the project that will be comprised of two staggered rows of native, evergreen plantings.

Anyone with questions about the August 6th public meeting or the Mt Olive Creek Solar Project may request information by emailing [info@carolinastolarenergy.com](mailto:info@carolinastolarenergy.com) or calling (984) 260-8038.

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# syndrome info

Source: Jonathan Larson, MD, allergen immunologist, Heather Norman-Burgill, Extension specialist in food and nutrition

During the summer, our chances of tick interactions increase. Most tick bites are an itchy nuisance that last between seven to 10 days, but ticks can also transmit diseases such as Lyme disease and ehrlichiosis, a bacterial disease. A relatively new tick-borne illness that is increasingly attracting attention is Alpha-gal syndrome.

Known as the "red meat allergy," alpha-gal syndrome was discovered by medical researchers in a husky from Iowa star tick bites. Scientists found the saliva tick insects it feeds causes individuals to develop a reaction to galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose, a sugar found in mammalian meats. Alpha-gal is a rare disease but is increasingly becoming more common.

Individuals who have alpha-gal syndrome can have reactions similar to individuals with other food allergies with symptoms that include skin irritation, hives, digestive tract issues and breathing problems. But unlike the typical person with a food allergy, a person with alpha-gal syndrome may have a delayed allergic reaction, anywhere between three and six hours after ingesting mammalian meat or its by-products.

Medical professionals can diagnose alpha-gal through a blood test. Individuals who are diagnosed with the disease must refrain from consuming beef, pork, lamb and venison. Fortunately, they can still eat all fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts, legumes,

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poetry and seafood. Some people may also have reactions to mammal-derived products including milk, cheese, gelatin and lard. As a result, they and their family members must work with a health care provider, such as a registered dietitian, to find a diet that works for them.

Educational prevention and the eastern United States are key in reducing your exposure to ticks and any tick-borne diseases. The lone star tick is found throughout Kentucky and the eastern United States, most likely in rural areas and your hands and feet.

Additional information is available in UK's publication ENTACT-6: Ticks and Disease in Kentucky. It is available online at <http://entomology.ca.uky.edu/entom/entact6/>.

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—you, others, the world and the future.

Depression can feel like your body is shutting down. It's not just a low mood but being unable to enjoy almost anything you do. You might lose or gain weight, have difficulty sleeping, experience extreme fatigue and have difficulty concentrating or making decisions.

Depression makes you become very self-critical, even convincing you you're worthless. The pain that comes with this, when combined with the belief that the future holds no hope for improvement, can lead to thoughts that life isn't worth living. If you or someone you know is depressed, getting help is the best way to make sure you can usually still feel happy about other things.

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life-threatening autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks its own cells and tissues.

"She began showing signs of muscle weakness and rashes over her body that quickly made it exceedingly difficult for her to run, play, or even walk more than a short distance," said Kloe's mom Kelly. "We traveled to numerous doctors and specialists who were unsure of the cause. Finally ending up at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, following a biopsy and MRI, we received a diagnosis that truly shocked our world."

Kloe said Kloe was a child who had been so active and full of life and was now suddenly rolling around the hospital in a wheelchair as she had gotten so weak. "We were devastated," Kloe said.

Kloe has since been admitted to Cincinnati Children's Hospital (CCH) and is making steady progress. Kloe said that she has been the hardest part of her life.

Kloe takes several daily medications, and they make morning trips to CCH for infusions. The daily medications are used on Kloe's body, with a lot of unwanted side effects. Kloe has made some progress but not without the help of numerous daily medications and monthly infusions.

"Unfortunately, we are still in this fight, and Kloe hasn't responded well to medications to control the disease," Kloe explained.

In November of 2018, Kloe's family traveled to George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. to meet with researchers of JM for help. But this is where the citizens of Russell County can help.

The Cure JM foundation funds all research for Kloe's disease, and donating to the foundation gives hope to find a cure or at least some medications that are not so harsh on Kloe and other kids fighting this battle.

Kloe continues to fight every day.

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## NOW OPEN!!!

Cheyenne Pappalardo The Times Journal

Bare Beauty by Tina Fletcher, a licensed Esthetician, is now open. Tina is located at Profiter Salon in Hwy 127 in Jamestown.

Tina's name may sound familiar to some, as she has been a teacher for 24 years. She teaches P.E. at Russell Springs Elementary School. Tina and her husband, Kevin, have been married for 23 years and have three children: Kiaba, Devin, and Wes, as well as four grandchildren.

After teaching for more than two decades, Tina said it was passion that found her toward skincare and becoming an esthetician.

"Skincare has always been a passion of mine, even more so after I had realized the about what skin care is, whether it be acne, aging, or anything else."

For the first year and a half, Tina said that Angie, Candi-Kay had been teaching her about what skin care is, whether it be acne, aging, or anything else.

"When COVID hit, this was a small set back in my career, but I was looking to forward to working for Tina said."

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## FRESH

Don Woodruff and local American Legion Post 133 "to get the ball rolling" on the monument project.

Colley said he was aware there may be "several names of Russell County men who died in World War II" who never had their names included on the monument.

The Couriermail said it appears officials sometimes used the city where soldiers went to in service as opposed to their actual hometown when documenting casualties.

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## Wilkerson awarded Valvoline Teacher Achievement Award

Cheyenne Pappalardo The Times Journal

Donnie Wilkerson, a teacher at Jamestown Elementary School, was named one of the 2023 Valvoline Teacher Award Winners this past week.

Mr. Wilkerson, along with 23 others from across the state of Kentucky, won this award. Now, out of the 24 teachers who won the Valvoline Award, these teachers will compete for the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced in October.

The Times Journal is proud of all the Kentucky Teachers who were awarded, but it

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The proposed photovoltaic solar project will consist of solar panels installed on racks with an approximate maximum height of 15 feet, inverters, transformers, an energy storage system, associated wiring and balance of system, and a substation. The power generated by the project will be linked to the electric transmission grid via the existing transmission easement that crosses the property. The project will install a visual vegetative buffer along portions of the perimeter of the project that will be comprised of two staggered rows of native, evergreen plantings.

Anyone with questions about the August 6th public meeting or the Mt Olive Creek Solar Project may request information by emailing [info@carolinasolarenergy.com](mailto:info@carolinasolarenergy.com) or calling (984) 260-8038.



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NAME  
ADDRESS1  
ADDRESS2

July 21, 2020

**Re: Mt Olive Creek Solar Project – Invitation to Public Meeting**

Dear NAME,

I'm writing to invite you to a public meeting that our company is hosting for a solar project we are developing on parcels adjacent to a parcel you own in Russell County. We are hosting the public meeting to meet the neighbors of the project and members of the public, share information about the solar project, and provide you with an opportunity to ask us questions and share comments. The proposed solar project is located to the North and South of Sano Road, and North and South of Kentucky Hwy 76, West of Mt Olive Creek Road, approximately 5 miles north of Russell Springs.

The meeting will be held at 5:30pm Central (6:30pm EDT) on Thursday, August 6, 2020. In order to help us adhere to CDC guidelines on social distancing, attendees are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting remotely via video link, by registering at the link shown on the next page. You will need an email address in order to register and login to the meeting, and you will be able to ask questions verbally or in writing live at the end of the meeting. The meeting will also be broadcast at the meeting room in the Lake Cumberland Area Development District building, 2384 Lakeway Dr, Russell Springs, KY 42642. A limited number of spaces are available to attend the broadcast in-person, which will be subject to CDC guidelines on the wearing of masks and social distancing. If you would like to attend in person, please sign up by contacting Tyler Caron at the contact information on the next page. All of our presenters will participate remotely.

If you would like to see a map of the solar project, a large printed map of the proposed layout will be posted at the entrance to the Russell County Courthouse at 410 Monument Square, Russell Springs KY for the 3 business days prior to the public meeting (August 3-5, 2020).

During the public meeting we will show a video with information on the project, our company, solar energy technology, real estate property values, and health and safety. You can also watch the video any time after August 4<sup>th</sup> by accessing it from our website at <https://www.carolinasolarenergy.com/projects-in-development-source/mt-olive-creek>.<sup>1</sup> There you will see a link to watch the video, as well as the layout map and additional information about the project.

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<sup>1</sup> (You can also access the page by visiting [www.carolinasolarenergy.com](http://www.carolinasolarenergy.com), clicking on our "Projects" page, scrolling down to the bottom, and clicking on the Mt Olive Creek project.)



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If you would like to speak with us about the project, please call Project Developer Tyler Caron at (984) 260-8038 or email us at info@carolinasolarenergy.com.

We look forward to seeing you virtually at the public meeting!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carson Harkrader', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carson Harkrader  
CEO

To attend the August 6<sup>th</sup> online Zoom public meeting, please register at:

<http://solar-projects.net/russellcountysolar>

To attend the August 6<sup>th</sup> in-person broadcast of the public meeting  
at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District (limited spaces available):

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### **Mt Olive Creek Solar Fact Sheet**

Mt Olive Creek Solar is a new proposed solar energy facility planned to the North and South of Sano Road, West of Mt Olive Creek Road, approximately 5 miles north of Russell Springs, in Russell County Kentucky. This 60MW facility will generate enough electricity to power approximately 15,000 homes.

The solar technology used is photovoltaic, and the solar panels sit on racks that are up to 15 feet tall that rotate once per day on a North-South axis to track the sun throughout the day. The project will not generate any emissions, and there is no noise audible outside of the project boundary. A battery storage system will be connected to the facility to store electricity generated during the day for delivery to the grid at other times. The solar farm will be set back from property lines and a vegetative buffer will be planted in areas to help screen the facility from sight. The footprint of the facility is approximately 475 acres. Grass will be maintained under the panels with minimal amounts of concrete or gravel used throughout the facility. The facility will be surrounded by a locked security fence.

The solar farm will pay significant county taxes over the course of the project lifetime, with little to no expenditure from the county. The project will generate hundreds of construction jobs for approximately 1 year, as well as a handful of long-term maintenance and landscaping positions. The solar farm will not impact local electricity rates.

Mt Olive Creek Solar will include a strip of native pollinator plantings and pollinator trees in sections of the vegetative buffer.

Real estate appraisers have completed many matched-pair analyses on residential homes adjacent to solar farms. These matched-pair analyses compare the value of homes before and after the construction of a solar farm, and show that the construction of a solar farm has no discernable impact on the sales price of surrounding homes. A report from a Kentucky licensed professional appraiser detailing this analysis for Mt Olive Creek Solar is available on our website and on request.