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

In the Matter of the Application of Flat Run Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct a	)	
	) Case No. 2020-0027	
Merchant Electric Generating Facility	)	

### NOTICE OF FILING

Comes Flat Run Solar, LLC (hereinafter, the "Applicant"), by counsel, and pursuant to ordering paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 4 of the Siting Board's August 28, 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 *Central Kentucky News-Journal* on September 3, 2020. Exhibit 2 to this Notice is a copy of the information sent to adjacent property owners that was mailed on September 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR FLAT RUN SOLAR, LLC

# EXHIBIT 1

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Flat Run Solar, LLC, is proposing to construct and operate a solar energy project in Taylor County, Kentucky. The proposed Flat Run Solar Project will be located on approximately 450 acres to the East and North of the intersection of Saloma Rd and Hobson Rd., approximately 5 miles Northwest of Campbellsville. A public meeting to inform the community about the project will take place on Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 5:30PM Central (6:30PM EDT).

In order to comply with current guidelines for social distancing, the public meeting and information about the project will be accessible as

follows:

(1) All representatives and experts from Flat Run Solar, LLC making presentations at the public meeting will do so via a Zoom online meeting.

(2) Members of the public will be able to view the public meeting live, on-line on Zoom, without cost, by registering with a valid email address at http://solar-projects.net/taylorcountysolar. Participants will be able to ask

questions either orally or in writing at the end of the presentation.

(3) Members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate via the online meeting. The public meeting will also be projected for viewing at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District Kentucky Career Center-Campbellsville, 1311-C East Broadway, Campbellsville, KY 42718 at which a representative of Flat Run Solar, LLC will be present and a mechanism will be provided for any in-person attendees to ask questions. In-person attendance at the public meeting will be consistent with guidelines and directives from the CDC and the Office of the Governor in effect at the time of the meeting, including, but not limited to, social distancing and the requirement that masks be properly worn at all times. In order to allow for social distancing, the number of attendees at the in-person meeting will be limited and spaces allocated to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up for a space at the in-person meeting please email info@ carolinasolarenergy.com or call (984) 260-8038.

(4) A large-scale layout map of the proposed project will be available to the public for review in the entrance to the Taylor County Courthouse at 203 N Court St, Campbellsville, KY 42718 for the three business days prior

to the public meeting.

(5) Information about the proposed project, including the layout map, is also available online at https://www.carolinasolarenergy.com/projects-in-

development-source/flat-run

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 September 17th public meeting for the Flat Run Solar Project may request information by emailing info@

carolinasolarenergy.com or calling (984) 260-8038.



**EXHIBIT 2** 

400 West Main, Suite 503 Durham, NC 27701 919-682-6822 www.carolinasolarenergy.com

Name Address 1 Addess 2

September 1, 2020

Re: Flat Run 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 Taylor 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 East and North of the intersection of Saloma Rd and Hobson Rd, approximately 5 miles Northwest of Campbellsville.

The meeting will be held at 5:30pm Central (6:30pm EDT) on Thursday, September 17, 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 Kentucky Career Center-Campbellsville, 1311-C East Broadway, Campbellsville, KY 42718. 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.

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 September 13<sup>th</sup> by accessing it from our website at <a href="https://www.carolinasolarenergy.com/projects-in-development-source/flat-run">https://www.carolinasolarenergy.com/projects-in-development-source/flat-run</a>. There you will see a link to watch the video, as well as the layout map and additional information about the project.

(You can also access the page by visiting www.carolinasolar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (You can also access the page by visiting <u>www.carolinasolarenergy.com</u>, clicking on our

<sup>&</sup>quot;Projects" page, scrolling down to the bottom, and clicking on the Flat Run project.)



If you would like to see a map of the solar project in person before the public meeting, a large printed map of the proposed layout will also be posted at the entrance to the Taylor County Courthouse at 203 N Court St, Campbellsville, KY 42718 for the 3 business days prior to the public meeting (September 13-16, 2020).

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,

Carson Harkrader

CEO

To attend the September 17<sup>th</sup> online Zoom public meeting, please register at:

http://solar-projects.net/taylorcountysolar

<u>To attend the September 17<sup>th</sup> in-person broadcast of the public meeting</u> <u>at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District Kentucky Career Center-</u> <u>Campbellsville (limited spaces available):</u>

Please call Tyler Caron at (984) 260-8038 or email info@carolinasolarenergy.com.



#### Flat Run Solar Fact Sheet

Flat Run Solar is a new proposed solar energy facility planned to the to the East and North of the intersection of Saloma Rd and Hobson Rd, approximately 5 miles Northwest of Campbellsville. This 55MW 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 footprint of the facility is approximately 450 acres and the facility will be surrounded by a locked security fence. 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. Grass will be maintained under the panels with minimal amounts of concrete or gravel used throughout the facility. Flat Run Solar will include a strip of native pollinator plantings in sections of the vegetative buffer.

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.

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 Flat Run Solar is available on our website and on request.