

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

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF GREEN )  
RIVER SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )  
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY )  
200 MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC ) Case No. 2020-00387  
SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY IN )  
BRECKINRIDGE AND MEADE COUNTY, )  
KENTUCKY, PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700 )  
AND 807 KAR 5:110 )

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**GREEN RIVER SOLAR LLC'S  
NOTICE OF DECOMMISSIONING PLAN AND MERGER**

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Comes now Green River Solar LLC, (“Green River”), by and through counsel, and does hereby provide notice of filing the Decommissioning Plans in the above-styled case, attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, pursuant to the Siting Board’s December 22, 2021 Order, Mitigation Measure 30, stating:

30. Green River Solar shall file a full and explicit decommissioning plan with the Siting Board. This plan shall commit Green River Solar to removing all facility components, above-ground and below-ground, regardless of depth, from the project site. Upon its completion, this plan shall be filed with the Siting Board or its successors. The decommissioning plan shall be completed at least one month prior to construction of the Project.

Contemporaneously filed with the attached Decommissioning Plans, is Green River’s Notice of Construction, which gives notice that construction will commence on or after December 4, 2023 pending receipt of any required local and environmental permits. Green River timely files its complete and explicit Decommissioning Plans in which it commits to remove all facility components, above-ground and below-ground, regardless of depth, from the project-site. These

final Decommissioning Plans will be provided to Meade and Breckenridge Counties at least four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of construction. A surety bond or other form of financial security will be provided prior to the commencement of construction. Applicant agrees to update these Decommissioning Plans every five (5) years during the life of the Project.

Additionally, find attached hereto as Exhibit C, certificate of merger for Merino Solar LLC and Green River, as evidence that Green River expressly assumed all obligations under the Merino Solar lease agreements with participating landlords, pursuant to the Siting Board's December 22, 2021 Order, Mitigation Measure 27, stating:

27. Green River Solar shall complete the merger of Merino Solar LLC, into Green River Solar and provide notification of the completed merger to the Siting Board in as a condition precedent to the Certificate of Construction granted herein taking effect, including evidence that it has expressly assumed all obligations under the Merino Solar lease agreements with participating landlords.

This 3rd day of November, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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# **EXHIBIT A**

# **DECOMMISSIONING PLAN**

## **Green River Solar Project**

**Prepared for:**

**Green River Solar, LLC**  
**Juno Beach, FL**

**Prepared by:**



**161 E. Aurora Road**  
**Northfield, OH 44067**

**November 2023**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Green River Solar, LLC (“Applicant”) contracted Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (“ECT”) to prepare a Decommissioning Plan (“Plan”) for the Green River Solar Project (“Project”) in Meade County, Kentucky. This Plan was prepared to document the Applicant’s intent to decommission the Project and to meet the requirements of subsection 4.3.7.3(i) of the Meade County Zoning Ordinance. The Meade County Solar Ordinance requires that a decommissioning plan be submitted that includes: (a) the defined conditions for when the decommissioning be initiated; (b) removal of all non-utility-owned equipment, conduit structures, fencing, roads, and foundations (c) restoration of the property to substantially similar physical condition that existed immediately prior to construction; (d) the timeframe for completing decommissioning; (e) the party currently responsible for decommissioning, and (f) the plans for updating the decommissioning plan.

The Project is a proposed 200-megawatt alternating current (MW AC) photovoltaic energy generating facility with approximately 70-MW of the total Project capacity proposed within Meade County. The Project is proposed to be located on 1,080 acres of primarily agricultural land. The final design Project Facilities (i.e., fenced-in array areas with PV solar panels and access roads) located in Meade County will account for approximately 450 acres of the total 1,080-acre Project site. The Project is generally located 4 miles southwest of Brandenburg, 15 miles west of Fort Knox, immediately north of Irvington, and east of Guston and Ekron. The Solar energy system (“SES”) would connect to the existing 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission system at the point of interconnection (“POI”) substation located at the intersection of Highway 79 and Guston Road.

The Project components consist of photovoltaic (PV) modules mounted on a fixed tilt racking system, central electric inverters and transformers, underground electrical collection systems, solar meteorological stations, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) hardware, control house and associated facilities, private gravel access roads with gated ingress/egress points, and security fencing. Temporary facilities associated with construction will include a laydown yard that will serve as facilities for construction office trailers and delivery points for major equipment. Collectively, the facilities listed in this paragraph comprise the “Project Facilities.” It should be noted that the only Project Facilities located in Breckinridge County will be PV solar panels, inverters and associated underground collection cables, and private gravel access roads with gated ingress/egress points and security fencing. The electrical collector substation, POI, and remaining facilities listed above will be located in Meade County.

The site restoration will remove all above ground equipment associated with the Project. All below grade structures, including solar module support posts, will be removed. Gravel access roads will be removed unless the landowner requests that they remain in place. Temporary facilities associated with construction will include a laydown yard that will serve as facilities for construction office trailers and delivery points for major equipment.

As previously stated, the purpose of this Plan is to outline the procedures to decommission the facility and to restore the properties to be substantially similar to their pre-construction state to the extent practicable upon expiration of the operational life of the Project. Estimated costs are provided based on the array design and associated Project Facilities proposed to be installed for the Project in Meade County.

The Project will post a Surety Bond or other form of Security acceptable to the County for the abandonment of the site and in the event the Commission must remove the facility. The surety bond or other form of security shall be equal to the estimate submitted for the decommissioning of the project. The cost of decommissioning will include a reasonable reduction for the scrap value of the components left on the property. The Applicant plans to reevaluate these decommissioning costs every 5 years throughout the life of the Project and will adjust the financial security accordingly, consistent with Section 4.3.7.3.1(1) of the Meade County Solar Ordinance.

## **2.0 SOLAR FACILITY COMPONENTS**

The primary components of the Project include the following solar components and associated infrastructure. These amounts represent the portion of the Project located in Meade County.

- Photovoltaic modules: 184,051
- Collector substation and associated equipment: 1 transformer, 1 control house with associated data monitoring equipment, SCADA, telecommunications equipment, electrical breakers, miscellaneous steel structures
- 4.10 MVA Central inverters: 18
- Underground collection system: 308,235 linear feet of cable
- Combiner Boxes: 590
- Private gravel access roads: 27,487 linear feet
- Security fencing: 51,341 linear feet

The Applicant, or its successors and assignees, will be responsible for the decommissioning of the Project. Utility-scale solar facilities have a mechanical life expectancy of 30 years.

## **3.0 DECOMMISSIONING TASKS AND SEQUENCE**

The Applicant acknowledges that all solar components including Project Facilities constructed above ground and any structures below-grade will be removed offsite for disposal except for: (i) access roads or driveways on private property if the property owner requests in writing to the Applicant for such to remain, (ii) any infrastructure the subsequent landowner at the time of decommissioning may wish to retain as it may be beneficial to post-solar agricultural land use; infrastructure such as, but not limited to, fencing and stormwater basins (iii) switchyard, interconnection facilities and other similar utility facilities not owned by the Applicant, and (iv) non-recoverable underground cables.

The Applicant estimates decommissioning will occur over a period of 250 days, unless, external circumstances prohibit site work, such as weather delays. All applicable local and state approvals and permits for the removal of the Project Facilities will be obtained prior to the start of decommissioning.

The anticipated sequence of decommissioning and removal is described below. However, an overlap of activities is expected.

- De-energize solar arrays and other facilities, if not already de-energized.
- Dismantle panels, racking, and frames.
- Remove inverters, transformers, and electrical cables and conduits (as recoverable).
- Remove fencing and miscellaneous equipment.
- Remove structural foundations.
- Remove access and internal roads, if not retained by the property owner.
- De-compact soils (if needed) and restore disturbed land to pre-construction conditions to the extent practicable.
- Revegetate any exposed soil that was disturbed during decommissioning.

The restoration efforts will return the land to substantially its original condition to the extent practicable, leaving any desirable infrastructure as requested by the subsequent landowner. It is unlikely that a significant amount of earthwork will be required due to the limited disturbance associated with construction and operations of the Project. Nonetheless, restoration activities may include regrading to restore land contours to the extent practicable, seeding to revegetate disturbed areas, de-compacting of soils determined to be compacted, and back-filling with native subsoil or topsoil as needed.

#### 4.0 DECOMMISSIONING BOND

In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.1 of the Meade County Zoning Ordinance, the Applicant will secure a bond or similar security for the Project to assure financial performance of the decommissioning obligations. The required decommissioning bond will be issued prior to the start of construction. The amount will be established based on the Estimated Decommissioning Costs Less Salvage Value illustrated on **Table 1**. The cost of decommissioning will include a reasonable reduction for the scrap value of the components left on the property, as shown in the section below. The Applicant plans to reevaluate these decommissioning costs every 5 years throughout the life of the Project and will adjust the financial security accordingly, consistently with Section 4.3.7.3.1(1).

Upon completion of all issued for construction documents, the amount of the bond or similar security shall be determined by an independent, licensed engineer who is experienced in the decommissioning of solar electric generating facilities and has no financial interest in either the merchant electric generating facility or any parcel of land upon which the Applicant facility is located. The beneficiary of the bond or other similar securities will name the Energy & Environmental Cabinet (EEC), Breckinridge County, Meade County and each landowner from whom the Applicant leases land.



## 5.0 DECOMMISSIONING COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY

The decommissioning costs detailed in **Table 1** include labor and material expenses for removal of solar modules, steel posts, transformers and inverters, access roads, perimeter fencing, cabling below-grade, and other Project Facilities at the estimated end of Project operations. The estimates provided include both the cost of decommissioning and removal (including site restoration) and the salvage value from the recovered materials. Solar components anticipated to have a resale or salvage value that can offset the cost of decommissioning include solar modules, steel piles, inverters, and transformers. The materials recovered include the insulated copper wire, bare copper, aluminum, and steel that constitute raw materials making up the Project Facilities. Reselling these valuable materials is a common practice in demolition and decommissioning of facilities because of the high value of these components.

Materials that have no value at the time of decommissioning will be recycled when possible or hauled offsite to a licensed solid waste disposal facility. The costs of removal, transportation, and disposal are included in these estimates. Furthermore, with the growth and development of solar technologies, there are secondary market opportunities to reuse and/or repurpose solar modules. These opportunities are not accounted for in the current estimates.

**Table 1. Estimated Decommissioning Costs and Salvage Values After 30 Years of Operation**

Decommissioning Task Description	Decommissioning Cost	Salvage Value
De-energize the facility	\$24,716.00	--
Dismantle panels and PV frames	\$3,110,569.50	\$1,539,890.00
Remove inverters, electrical cables and conduits	\$167,055.00	\$498,080.00
Remove fencing and miscellaneous equipment/ Grading	\$250,830.75	\$9,100.00
Remove structural foundations and access roads (if not retained by owner)	\$269,543.75	\$200,570.00*
Earthwork and stabilization (decompact, restore, revegetate as needed)	\$289,762.36	\$289,762.36*
<b>Total Decommissioning Cost</b>	<b>\$4,112,477.36</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Material Recovery (Salvage) Value</b>	<b>\$2,047,070.00</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Decommissioning Costs Less Salvage Value</b>	<b>\$2,065,407.36</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Decommissioning Costs with Reductions Applied</b>	<b>\$1,575,075.00*</b>	

\*Value derived from optional owner retention of components or not requesting soil restoration; not material salvage.

## **6.0 RESTORATION**

It is unlikely that a significant amount of earthwork would be required, as the construction, operations, and maintenance of the Project involves limited earth disturbance. Nevertheless, if necessary, the Applicant or the assigned responsible party would regrade and contour the area to establish proper stormwater and sediment controls until the area is established. Other initiatives will be taken as needed to restore vegetative cover to its original or an improved condition, such as through soil decompaction and reseeded, as it was prior to development. In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.i(2)(c) of the Meade County Solar Ordinance, a detailed restoration plan will be prepared prior to decommissioning and per existing site conditions at the time.

## **7.0 TIMELINE AND PARTIES RESPONSIBLE TO COMPLETE DECOMMISSIONING**

In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.i(2)(d) of the Meade County Solar Ordinance, decommissioning would begin no later than 12 months (365 days) after the Level 3 SES has ceased to generate electricity, the land lease has ended, or succession of use of abandoned facility, etc. Decommissioning would be completed no later than 12 months (365 days) after commencement of decommissioning, with plans to take approximately 250 days to complete. In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.i(2)(e), the Applicant or a designated party as approved by the Meade County Board of Commissioners will assume responsibility to conduct decommissioning activities within the posted timeframe.

## **8.0 DECOMMISSIONING PLAN UPDATES**

In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.i(2)(f) of the Meade County Solar Ordinance, the Applicant has prepared this final Decommissioning Plan based on the finalized Project design. This final Decommissioning Plan will be provided to Meade County at least four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of construction. A surety bond or other form of financial security will be issued pursuant of KRS 278.706 (2)(m)5. The Applicant agrees to update this Decommissioning Plan every five (5) years during the life of the Project.

# **EXHIBIT B**

# **DECOMMISSIONING PLAN**

## **Green River Solar Project**

**Prepared for:**

**Green River Solar, LLC**  
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The Project is a proposed 200-megawatt alternating current (MW AC) photovoltaic energy generating facility with approximately 140-MW of the total Project capacity proposed within Breckinridge County. The Project is proposed to be located on 1,080 acres of primarily agricultural land. The final design Project Facilities (i.e., fenced-in array areas with PV solar panels and access roads) located in Breckinridge County will account for approximately 630 acres of the total 1,080-acre Project site. The Project is generally located 4 miles southwest of Brandenburg, 15 miles west of Fort Knox, immediately north of Irvington, and east of Guston and Ekron. The Solar energy system (“SES”) would connect to the existing 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission system at the point of interconnection (“POI”) substation located at the intersection of Highway 79 and Guston Road.

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The Project will post a Surety Bond or other form of Security acceptable to the County for the abandonment of the site and in the event the Commission must remove the facility. The surety bond or other form of security shall be equal to the estimate submitted for the decommissioning of the project. The cost of decommissioning will include a reasonable reduction for the scrap value of the components left on the property. The Applicant plans to reevaluate these decommissioning costs every 5 years throughout the life of the Project and will adjust the financial security accordingly, consistent with Section 4.3.7.3.g(1) of the Breckinridge County Solar Ordinance.

## **2.0 SOLAR FACILITY COMPONENTS**

The primary components of the Project include the following solar components and associated infrastructure. These amounts represent the portion of the Project located in Breckinridge County.

- Photovoltaic modules: 341,809
- Collector substation and associated equipment: not applicable – located in Meade County for the Project and accounted for the decommissioning plan submitted with the Meade County Solar Ordinance and Conditional Use Permit Application
- 4.10 MVA Central inverters: 33
- Underground collection system: 572,436 linear feet of cable
- Combiner Boxes: 1,097
- Private gravel access roads: 51,048 linear feet
- Security fencing: 95,347 linear feet

The Applicant, or its successors and assignees, will be responsible for the decommissioning of the Project. Utility-scale solar facilities have a mechanical life expectancy of 30 years.

## **3.0 DECOMMISSIONING TASKS AND SEQUENCE**

The Applicant acknowledges that all solar components including Project Facilities constructed above ground and any structures below-grade will be removed offsite for disposal except for: (i) access roads or driveways on private property if the property owner requests in writing to the Applicant for such to remain, (ii) any infrastructure the subsequent landowner at the time of decommissioning may wish to retain as it may be beneficial to post-solar agricultural land use; infrastructure such as, but not limited to, fencing and stormwater basins (iii) switchyard, interconnection facilities and other similar utility facilities not owned by the Applicant, and (iv) non-recoverable underground cables.

The Applicant estimates decommissioning will occur over a period of 250 days, unless, external circumstances prohibit site work, such as weather delays. All applicable local and state approvals and permits for the removal of the Project Facilities will be obtained prior to the start of decommissioning.

The anticipated sequence of decommissioning and removal is described below. However, an overlap of activities is expected.

- De-energize solar arrays and other facilities, if not already de-energized.
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- Revegetate any exposed soil that was disturbed during decommissioning.

The restoration efforts will return the land to substantially its original condition to the extent practicable, leaving any desirable infrastructure as requested by the subsequent landowner. It is unlikely that a significant amount of earthwork will be required due to the limited disturbance associated with construction and operations of the Project. Nonetheless, restoration activities may include regrading to restore land contours to the extent practicable, seeding to revegetate disturbed areas, de-compacting of soils determined to be compacted, and back-filling with native subsoil or topsoil as needed.

#### 4.0 DECOMMISSIONING BOND

In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.g(1) of the Breckinridge County Solar Ordinance, the Applicant will secure a bond or similar security for the Project to assure financial performance of the decommissioning obligations. The required decommissioning bond will be issued prior to the start of construction. The amount will be established based on the Estimated Decommissioning Costs Less Salvage Value illustrated on **Table 1**. The cost of decommissioning will include a reasonable reduction for the scrap value of the components left on the property, as shown below. The Applicant plans to reevaluate these decommissioning costs every 5 years throughout the life of the Project and will adjust the financial security accordingly, consistently with Section 4.3.7.3.g(1).

Upon completion of all issued for construction documents, the amount of the bond or similar security shall be determined by an independent, licensed engineer who is experienced in the decommissioning of solar electric generating facilities and has no financial interest in either the merchant electric generating facility or any parcel of land upon which the Applicant facility is located. The beneficiary of the bond or other similar securities will name the Energy & Environmental Cabinet (EEC), Breckinridge County, Meade County and each landowner from whom the Applicant leases land.



## 5.0 DECOMMISSIONING COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY

The decommissioning costs detailed in **Table 1** include labor and material expenses for removal of solar modules, steel posts, transformers and inverters, access roads, perimeter fencing, cabling below-grade, and other Project Facilities at the estimated end of Project operations. The estimates provided include both the cost of decommissioning and removal (including site restoration) and the salvage value from the recovered materials. Solar components anticipated to have a resale or salvage value that can offset the cost of decommissioning include solar modules, steel piles, inverters, and transformers. The materials recovered include the insulated copper wire, bare copper, aluminum, and steel that constitute raw materials making up the Project Facilities. Reselling these valuable materials is a common practice in demolition and decommissioning of facilities because of the high value of these components.

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**Table 1. Estimated Decommissioning Costs and Salvage Values After 30 Years of Operation**

<b>Decommissioning Task Description</b>	<b>Decommissioning Cost</b>	<b>Salvage Value</b>
De-energize the facility	\$45,691.20	--
Dismantle panels and PV frames	\$5,718,415.75	\$2,860,290.00
Remove inverters, electrical cables and conduits	\$305,292.50	\$924,840.00
Remove fencing and miscellaneous equipment/ Grading	\$323,951.00	\$16,900.00
Remove structural foundations and access roads (if not retained by owner)	\$505,996.25	\$378,795.00*
Earthwork and stabilization (decompact, restore, revegetate as needed)	\$540,827.94	\$540,827.94*
<b>Total Decommissioning Cost</b>	<b>\$7,440,174.64</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Material Recovery (Salvage) Value</b>	<b>\$3,802,030.00</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Decommissioning Costs Less Salvage Value</b>	<b>\$3,638,144.64</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Decommissioning Costs with Reductions Applied</b>	<b>\$2,718,521.70*</b>	

\*Value derived from optional owner retention of components or not requesting soil restoration; not material salvage.

## **6.0 RESTORATION**

It is unlikely that a significant amount of earthwork would be required, as the construction, operations, and maintenance of the Project involves limited earth disturbance. Nevertheless, if necessary, the Applicant or the assigned responsible party would regrade and contour the area to establish proper stormwater and sediment controls until the area is established. Other initiatives will be taken as needed to restore vegetative cover to its original or an improved condition, such as through soil decompaction and reseeding, as it was prior to development. In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.g(2)(c) of the Breckinridge County Solar Ordinance, a detailed restoration plan will be prepared prior to decommissioning and per existing site conditions at the time.

## **7.0 TIMELINE AND PARTIES RESPONSIBLE TO COMPLETE DECOMMISSIONING**

In accordance with Section 4.3.7.3.g(1) of the Breckinridge County Solar Ordinance, decommissioning would begin no later than 12 months (365 days) after the Level 3 SES has ceased to generate electricity, the land lease has ended, or succession of use of abandoned facility, etc. Decommissioning would be completed no later than 12 months (365 days) after commencement of decommissioning, with plans to take approximately 250 days to complete. The Applicant or a designated party will assume responsibility to conduct decommissioning activities within the posted time frame.

## **8.0 DECOMMISSIONING PLAN UPDATES**

The Applicant has prepared this final Decommissioning Plan based on the finalized Project design. This final Decommissioning Plan will be provided to Breckinridge County at least four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of construction. A surety bond or other form of financial security will be issued pursuant of KRS 278.706 (2)(m)5. The Applicant agrees to update this Decommissioning Plan every five (5) years during the life of the Project.

# **EXHIBIT C**

# Delaware

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"MERINO SOLAR LLC", A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WITH AND INTO "GREEN RIVER SOLAR, LLC" UNDER THE NAME OF "GREEN RIVER SOLAR, LLC", A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2023, AT 12:26 O`CLOCK P.M.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JBULLOCK", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State" is printed in a small font.

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**STATE OF DELAWARE  
CERTIFICATE OF MERGER OF  
DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES**

Pursuant to Title 6, Section 18-209 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, the undersigned limited liability company executed the following Certificate of Merger:

**FIRST:** The name of the surviving limited liability company is Green River Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

**SECOND:** The name of the limited liability company being merged into this surviving limited liability company is:

Merino Solar LLC

**THIRD:** The Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Plan of Merger") has been approved, adopted, and executed by each constituent limited liability company.

**FOURTH:** The name of the surviving limited liability company is Green River Solar, LLC.


**FIFTH:** The effective date of the Merger shall be upon filing of this Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

**SIXTH:** The Plan of Merger is on file at the surviving limited liability company's place of business, which is located at 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

**SEVENTH:** A copy of the Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving limited liability company on request, without cost, to any member of the constituent limited liability company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Merger on the 31st day of October, 2023.

GREEN RIVER SOLAR, LLC

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jason B. Pear, Secretary