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VIA E-FILING

September 10, 2021

Linda Bridwell, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
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Re: *Application of Meade County Solar LLC for a Certificate of Construction for an Approximately 40-Megawatt Merchant Electric Solar Generating Facility in Meade County, Kentucky pursuant to KRS 278.700 and 807 KAR 5:110* – Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting Case No. 2020-00390; Public Comment of Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. (“KIUC”) submits this public comment in support of the application of Meade County Solar, LLC (“Meade County Solar”) for a construction certificate, and respectfully asks that the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (“Siting Board”) issue a decision approving the application no later than October 31, 2021.

KIUC’s membership includes Domtar Paper Co., LLC and Kimberly-Clark Corporation; some of the largest industrial customers of Big Rivers Electric Corporation. Big Rivers entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) with Meade County Solar to purchase the output of the proposed solar facility. It is KIUC’s understanding that the PPA will provide Big Rivers and its Members with low cost, reliable power.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approved the PPA on September 28, 2020, in Case No. 2020-00183. On July 2, 2021 the Siting Board extended the deadline for a decision on the application until November 30, 2021. Section 2.10(c) of the PPA gives Meade County Solar the right to terminate the PPA if it has not received a construction certificate from the Siting Board by October 31, 2021. Therefore, we respectfully requests that the Siting Board issue a construction certificate to Meade County Solar on or before October 31, 2021.

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Pursuant to the Commission's March 24, 2020 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, KIUC will submit the original (unbound) and one (1) copy of this letter within 30 days after the Governor lifts the current state of emergency.

By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the Certificate of Service have been served. Please place this letter of file.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Michael L. Kurtz

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cc: Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail (when available) or by regular, U.S. mail, unless otherwise noted, this 10th day of September, 2021 to the parties listed on the attached service list.

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