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BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION
AND TRANSMISSION SITING

In the Matter of:

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| <i>Electronic</i> Application of Telesto Energy |) | |
| Project LLC for Certificate of Construction for |) | Case No. |
| an Approximately 110 Megawatt Merchant |) | 2022-00096 |
| Electric Solar Generating Facility in Hardin |) | |
| County, Kentucky |) | |

Notice of Compliance

Comes now Telesto Energy Project LLC (“Telesto Solar”), by counsel, and pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110 Section 9(2), hereby files proof of publication of its public information meeting notice. Public notice was published in *The News-Enterprise*, a daily local newspaper of general circulation in Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Kentucky, on March 5, 2022 and again on March 12, 2022. A copy of the meeting notice and accompanying Affidavit of Publication is attached hereto. Telesto Solar further gives notice of its mailing of the attached correspondence to landowners on March 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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Strong job growth points to COVID-19's fading grip on economy

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WASHINGTON — In a buoyant sign for the U.S. economy, businesses stepped up their hiring last month as omicron faded and more Americans ventured out to spend at restaurants, shops and hotels despite surging inflation.

Employers added a robust 678,000 jobs in February, the largest monthly total since July, the Labor Department reported Friday. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.8%, from 4% in January, extending a sharp decline in joblessness to its lowest level since before the pandemic erupted two years ago.

Friday's hiring figures were collected before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has sent oil prices jumping and has heightened risks and uncertainties for economies in Europe and the rest of the world.

Yet the February hiring data suggest that two years after COVID-19 sparked a nationwide shutdown and 22 million

job losses, the disease is losing its grip on America's economy. More people are taking jobs or searching for work — a trend that, if it endures, will help ease the labor shortages that have bedeviled employers for the past year.

In addition, fewer people are now working remotely because of the disease. A continuing flow of people back to offices could boost employment in urban downtowns. And the number of Americans who are delaying job hunts for fear of the disease fell sharply from January, when omicron was raging, to February.

"All signs are that the pandemic is easing its hold on jobs and the economy," said Jane Oates, president of WorkingNation and a former Labor Department official. "Very strong numbers in very uncertain times."

Other recent economic data also show the economy maintaining strength as new COVID infections have plummeted. Consumer spending has

risen, spurred by higher wages and savings. Restaurant traffic has regained pre-pandemic levels, hotel reservations are up and far more Americans are flying than at the height of omicron.

Still, escalating costs for gasoline, wheat and metals such as aluminum, which are exported by both Ukraine and Russia, will likely accelerate inflation in the coming months. Higher prices and anxieties surrounding the war could slow hiring and growth later this year, though economists expect the consequences to be more severe in Europe than in the United States.

Inflation has already reached its highest level since 1982, with price spikes especially high

for such necessities as food, gasoline and rent. In response, the Federal Reserve is set to raise interest rates several times this year beginning later this month. Those increases will eventually mean higher borrowing rates for consumers and businesses, including for homes, autos and credit cards.

Chair Jerome Powell said this week he plans to propose that the Fed raise its benchmark short-term rate by a quarter-point when it meets in about two weeks. Powell has acknowledged that high inflation has proved more persistent and has spread more broadly than he and many economists had expected.

One figure in Friday's

report could provide reassurance for the Fed's policymakers as they assess inflation pressures: Average hourly pay barely grew in February. Higher wages, while good for workers, often lead companies to raise prices to cover their higher labor costs and thereby further heighten inflation.

But that slowdown might not last if inflation worsens. Some staffing agencies are seeing a shift in what is driving higher pay. Previously, it was companies' need to fill jobs. Now, some workers are saying they need raises to cover rising costs.

Michelle Reisdorf, a district director at recruiter Robert Half in Chicago, who fills perma-

nent and temporary jobs in accounting, human resources and other professional jobs, said workers are starting to cite higher gas costs when seeking a raise, particularly if they drive to offices.

"If they know they are going to have to go onsite five days a week, they are definitely asking for more money," she said.

The strong hiring in February occurred across most of the economy, with restaurants, bars and hotels adding 79,000 jobs, construction 60,000 and transportation and warehousing 48,000. Though the economy still has 2.1 million fewer jobs than it did before the pandemic struck, the gap is closing fast.



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Parents at Central Hardin High School listen to a presentation of "More than Sad" on Thursday. The presentation is to teach parents about how to identify depression in their teenage children, how to approach them about it and how to get them help.

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attempts.

She said in order to avoid events like a suicide, parents should know the signs of depression. She said a key risk factor for suicide in youth is an undetected, untreated mental health condition.

One symptom to identify if a child has depression is big changes in behavior. An example could be someone who is typically extroverted now being introverted, or vice versa. Someone who is typically introverted becoming extroverted.

Along with Cole speaking, she showed the "More than Sad" film which has four different teenagers who are going through depression in different ways.

One of the characters was worrying constantly and getting anxious about grades and tests, even though they're a consistently good student. Cole said this is probably one of more less likely people to be pinned down as having depression.

Symptoms for depression can be misinterpreted as mood swings, laziness, poor attitude and immaturity.

Ultimately, Cole said parents need to trust their gut feeling if they feel something is wrong, and that all signs of suicide ideation should be taken seriously.

For reaching out, Cole

said parents who feel that their child needs help should do so privately, express concern and caring, ask directly about suicide and reassure them that help is available.

Parents should understand that depression is a medical condition that needs medical treatment, just like any other medical condition, and that it must be addressed directly and compassionately.

"We don't tell somebody with diabetes to just go for a run and buck up. So why do we do that with mental health condition?" she said.

Rebecca Akers, a CHHS parent, said she has concerns and struggles with her own child and attended the event. She said with the film, she appreciated seeing the different ways in which depression can manifest.

"I'm really grateful that they have the resources to try and figure out warning signs and things we could do to help," she said.

Cole said that the Out of the Darkness Walk will take place sometime in September at CHHS which is a fundraiser for AFSP.

Those in a mental health crisis are encouraged to call 1-800-273-8255 or text TALK to 741741.

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Telesto Solar Farm Community Open House

TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND

Drop in anytime between 5pm - 7pm

Come meet us and learn more about the solar farm we're developing in Hardin County.

Location:
Back Home Catering Room62 Event Center
444 S. Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Telesto Energy Project, LLC is proposing the Telesto Solar Project, a 110 megawatt (MW) solar facility on approximately 650 acres of privately-owned land in Hardin County, Kentucky.

The energy generated at Telesto Solar will deliver power to the 138 kV East Kentucky Power Cooperative substation.

If you have questions or would like to obtain additional informational handouts that will be provided at the meeting, please contact us at TelestoSolar@lightsourcebp.com





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Telesto Solar Open House

Affidavit of Publication

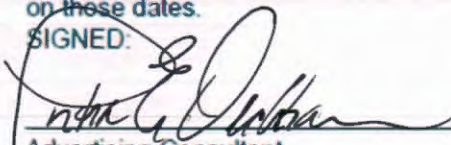
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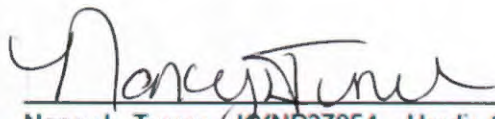
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March __, 2022

Re: Telesto Solar Project Open House.

Dear XXXXX,

Lightsource bp invites you to an open house event to learn about and discuss a solar power facility that we are proposing to construct northeast of Cecilia, on or near land that you own.

The open house will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 in the Back Home Catering Room62 Event Center 444 S. Mulberry Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Lightsource bp was founded in 2010 and has become a leading global clean energy company, with more than 5.4 gigawatts (GW) of solar farms in operation and under management. We finance, build, own, and operate low-cost, large-scale solar energy projects and have a reputation for maintaining long term strategic collaboration with our partners.

We work with various stakeholders when building our solar farms to make sure our projects benefit the local community – not just by generating clean electricity that improves air quality, but by improving the local economy and ecosystem as well. We construct our solar farms with a view to strengthen rural economies, promote solar education, foster environmental sustainability, and create partnerships. We pride ourselves on seamlessly integrating solar into agricultural communities and landscapes.

The proposed site for this 110 MW solar project is to be located on approximately 600 acres north of Hayden School Road and east of Bethlehem Academy Road, near the airport and industrial park.

As a part of the development process Lightsource bp is required to file an application for construction and operation of the proposed facility subject to the approval of the Kentucky State Siting Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Additionally, Lightsource bp is required to file for a Conditional Use Permit subject to the approval of Hardin County.

To learn more about this safe, clean, renewable energy facility, we look forward to welcoming you to the open house where information on the project will be presented and members of our team will be available to answer questions.

If you are unable to attend or have questions, please feel free to contact us.

We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

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