

Pine Grove Solar Madison County, KY



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Project Team



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Our Ask

- → Conditional Use Permit from Madison County for Pine Grove Solar
- → Project located on 6 parcels, all zoned agricultural
- → Fiscal court passed ordinance 20-17 in June of 2020 to allow for commercial solar energy facilities to be built as a conditional use on certain commercial and agriculturally zoned land
- → Asking for Board of Adjustments Approval on a CUP application for Pine Grove Solar







- → In business since 1981 (oldest IPP in the U.S.)
- \rightarrow Headquartered in Arlington, VA
- → Building renewable energy projects since 2002
- \rightarrow AES owns \$33.0 Billion in global assets
- \rightarrow \$11.1 Billion in yearly revenue







Clean Energy Portfolio 400 21 Res

FLUENCE

25 stand-alone energy storage or hybrid projects

3.6 GW global energy storage portfolio (Fluence)



In December 2021, AES acquired Community Energy, a company with a 20-year track record of success in developing projects in the US, adding 10 GW to AES' renewable energy pipeline.

Employees

States

4.5 GW

operating clean energy assets (solar, solar+ storage, wind, wind+storage)

40+ _{GW} clean energy projects in development



In 2021, "AES sold more clean energy to corporations than any other developer globally, at just under 3GW. Two thirds of this took place in the U.S." -- Bloomberg New Energy Finance's "1H 2022 Corporate Energy Market Outlook" (Jan. 31, 2022)

Renewable projects

Clean energy operating and development footprint

4.5 GW Operating and Developing

40+ GW Development pipeline





Other AES Projects





Skipjack Solar, VA



Elizabethtown Solar, PA



Keystone Solar, PA

Why Madison County?

- → Proximity to existing electrical infrastructure
- → Abundance of suitable land for solar (relatively dry, flat, large parcel sizes)
- → Local commitment to economic development
- \rightarrow Local labor force
- → Strong local solar resource
- → Increasing demand for clean energy from businesses, utilities, and co-ops





Pine Grove Solar Project Overview

- → Nameplate Capacity: 50 MW (enough energy to power over 15,000 homes every year)
- → Location: Madison County, KY. Nearest to the town of Bybee
- → Point of Interconnection: Kentucky Utilities 161 kV transmission line
- → Project Footprint: 484 acres total, about 220 acres with equipment (using only 45% of project area)
- → Expected Commercial Operation Date (COD): March 2025
- → Expected Life of Project: 35 years







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Setbacks and Landscaping

- → Project is located off of a partially private road (Pine Grove Road). Pine Grove Road is a dead-end road.
- → We have a GNA in place with the neighbors at the end of the road.
- → Requested Setbacks
 - \rightarrow 100 ft from centerline of roads (Pine Grove Road only)
 - \rightarrow 100 ft from adjacent non-participating properties
 - → 200 ft from any adjacent property that contains a residence
- → Requested Vegetation/Landscaping
 - → No gravel or bare areas underneath panels, must be native grasses
 - → Must have landscape screening around project
- perimeter where it might be visible from roads or homes





Landscaping Example



Newly Planted

10 Feet in Height

Full Maturity



What to Expect

- \rightarrow What will residents see and hear when the project is operational?
- \rightarrow Solar panels about 15' in height, low profile
- \rightarrow Glare all but eliminated by anti-reflective coating on panels
- \rightarrow Vegetation both underneath the panels and <u>surrounding the project</u> fence
- \rightarrow Limited visibility of site based on location, no view of project from New Irvine Road, Bybee Loop Road, Dodd Road, or Brassfield Road
- \rightarrow Will not affect local power prices \$\$\$
- \rightarrow Low hum from inverters inaudible off-site
- \rightarrow Vast majority of noise on-site will be during the pile driving phase of the construction period, lasting only a few months
- \rightarrow Useful life of 35 years, AES will be responsible for removal of equipment and likely post decommissioning bond with the County



Conservation

- → Establishing vegetation onsite is vitally important to proper stormwater management. Native grasses will slow down any runoff from the site and capture any sediment that may become suspended in the runoff
- → This project harvests minimal trees and keeps the vast majority of existing trees on the property in place
- → Cultural, Threatened & Endangered Species, and Wetlands studies all completed and identified no red flags for the project site
- \rightarrow Tree buffer provides habitat for birds and other species
- → Minimal grading and wetland impacts anticipated for this project
- → Stewardship of the land: AES commits to returning the land to the condition it was the day we walked onto it





Expected Project Timeline





Economic Benefits

- \rightarrow \$70 million in capital investment
- → \$5.97 million in property tax over 35 years of operation to Madison County
- → Project does not require additional County or City services, so no pressure on local services/resources
- \rightarrow 108+ jobs during construction
- → \$8.6 million in annual wages during construction
- \rightarrow 2 full time jobs after construction, during operations
- → Supporting local businesses including restaurants, food trucks, construction equipment, building materials and lodging





Operations Overview

Remote monitoring

- ightarrow 24-7 / 365 days a year remote monitoring
- \rightarrow Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system

Maintenance

- \rightarrow Minimal annual maintenance will be required
- → AES will regularly inspect project site to ensure all components are operating properly
- → AES construction and operations team will be on-call in the event of a maintenance issue
- → AES typically contracts with a local landscaping company to provide services including any vegetative buffers to assist with viewshed

Security

- → Project sites will be fenced off with strict, electronically controlled security access gates
- → Securely installed enclosed electrical equipment will be on-site
- \rightarrow Local fire & rescue will have access to the site as needed





Community engagement & outreach

- → AES is committed to strengthening positive impact through mutually beneficial partnerships in the communities where we work
- \rightarrow Our focus pillars include the following:
 - Partnering for access to safe, efficient, and affordable energy and basic services
 - Partnering for Inclusive Economic Growth & Education
 - Partnering for the Environment
 - Partnering for Community Health & Well-Being
- → For more information, please contact KYPineGroveSolar@aes.com





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