COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON
ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SI

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BRIGHT MOUNTAIN SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AN UP TO 80 MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY AND RELATED NONREGULATED TRANSMISSION LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES IN PERRY COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700 AND 807 KAR 5:110	))))))))	CASE NO. 2022-00274

BRIGHT MOUNTAIN SOLAR, LLC'S RESPONSE TO CON

Bright Mountain Solar, LLC ("Bright Mountain") provides the following response to Harvey Economics' ("HE") Review of Bright Mountain's Site Assessment Report for Solar Facilities ("SAR" or "Report") filed on January 12, 2024. Bright Mountain appreciates the thorough review and analysis of the proposed project and proposed location. Bright Mountain respectfully submits its response to the Report as set forth below including proposed modifications to the Certificate condition recommendations contained in the Report.

Section B: Compatibility with scenic

Recommendation: Applicant shall cultivate pollinator species on the site

Response: Applicant requests the Board not to adopt this recommendation, for several reasons that are unique to this Project. Most notably, as a reclaimed surface coal mine site, the surface is currently unlikely to support growth of native pollinator species without significant and costly addition of topsoil. Additionally, cultivating pollinator acreage on the site would also require ground disturbance that is not currently proposed. Finally, there are not currently areas of