

**BANJO CREEK SOLAR LLC  
TRANSMISSION LINE  
APPLICATION**

September 2023

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## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

REQUIREMENT: per KRS 278.714(2)(a): *The name, address, and telephone number of the person proposing construction of the nonregulated electric transmission line or the carbon dioxide transmission pipeline.*

COMPLIANCE: Please see below for the requested information.

- Name: Banjo Creek Solar LLC  
Attn: Jonathan Flemings
- Address: 1900 South Blvd  
Suite 306  
Charlotte, NC 28023
- Phone: (704) 712 - 4916

## 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTION

REQUIREMENT: per KRS 278.714(2)(b): *A full description of the proposed route of the electric transmission line or the carbon dioxide transmission pipeline and its appurtenances. The description shall include a map or maps showing:*

- 1. The location of the proposed line or pipeline and all proposed structures that will support it;*
- 2. The proposed right-of-way limits;*
- 3. Existing property lines and the names of persons who own the property over which the line or pipeline will cross; and*
- 4. a. The distance of the proposed electric transmission line from residential neighborhoods, schools, and public and private parks within one (1) mile of the proposed facilities; or*  
*b. The distance of the proposed carbon dioxide transmission pipeline from residential neighborhoods, schools, and parks, either private or public, within one thousand (1,000) feet of the proposed facilities.*

### COMPLIANCE:

To protect Kentucky's scenic assets, Banjo Creek Solar has selected the location of the proposed electric transmission line optimally in the interior of the project site. The proposed electric transmission line will be located on one parcel under lease by Banjo Creek Solar LLC and owned by Donald and Linda Coltharp in Graves County, Kentucky. Refer to Attachment A for a diagram of the location of the proposed transmission line area within the Project site on parcel 141.00.00.051.00.

The proposed right-of-way will be no longer than 2,000 feet and will be limited to 65 feet on either side of the centerline, for a total width of 130 feet. The proposed transmission line will tie into the existing TVA 161kV transmission line on the Project site. Since Banjo Creek's interconnection application to TVA is in the facilities study phase and also subject to TVA's NEPA review, the final route of the proposed transmission line within the transmission line area may be adjusted to accommodate wetlands and other environmental resources as identified in the NEPA study process.

The location of the proposed transmission line is in the interior of the project site and as far as possible from neighboring parcels. Special consideration was given to residential neighborhoods, schools, or public or private parks, none of which is within one (1) mile of the transmission line area indicated for the proposed facilities (Attachment A shows a one-mile radius and the location of residences, schools, and public or private parks).

### **3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED LINE**

REQUIREMENT: per KRS 278.714(2)(c): *With respect to electric transmission lines, a full description of the proposed line and appurtenances, including the following:*

- 1. Initial and design voltages and capacities;*
- 2. Length of line;*
- 3. Terminal points; and*
- 4. Substation connections.*

#### COMPLIANCE:

The voltage capacity of the proposed line will be 161 kilovolts (kV). The line will be a maximum of 2,000 feet, and will span the distance between Banjo Creek's onsite substation to Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) switchyard. The switchyard has not yet been constructed, but the line will connect at the switchyard for Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Tap to Paris - Mayfield 161kV Line terminal.

#### **4. COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY CODE**

REQUIREMENT: per KRS 278.714(2)(d): *A statement that the proposed electric transmission line and appurtenances will be constructed and maintained in accordance with accepted engineering practices and the National Electric Safety Code.*

COMPLIANCE: The proposed electric transmission line and appurtenances will be constructed and maintained in accordance with accepted engineering practices and the National Electrical Safety Code.

## 5. PUBLIC NOTICE EVIDENCE

REQUIREMENT: per KRS 278.714(2)(e): *With respect to both electric transmission lines and carbon dioxide transmission pipelines, evidence that public notice has been given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the general area concerned. Public notice shall include the location of the proposed electric transmission line or carbon dioxide pipeline, shall state that the proposed line or pipeline is subject to approval by the board, and shall provide the telephone number and address of the Public Service Commission.*

### COMPLIANCE:

Attachment B shows the notice that was published in the *Mayfield Messenger* and includes the affidavit of the publication.

## **6. PROOF OF SERVICE ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

REQUIREMENT: per KRS 278.714(2)(f): *Proof of service of a copy of the application upon the chief executive officer of each county and municipal corporation in which the proposed electric transmission line or carbon dioxide transmission pipeline is to be located, and upon the chief officer of each public agency charged with the duty of planning land use in the general area in which the line or pipeline is proposed to be located.*

COMPLIANCE: A copy of this application will be electronically provided to the Graves County Judge/Executive, on the date of electronic filing of this application, as confirmed by the certificate of service on the application pleading.



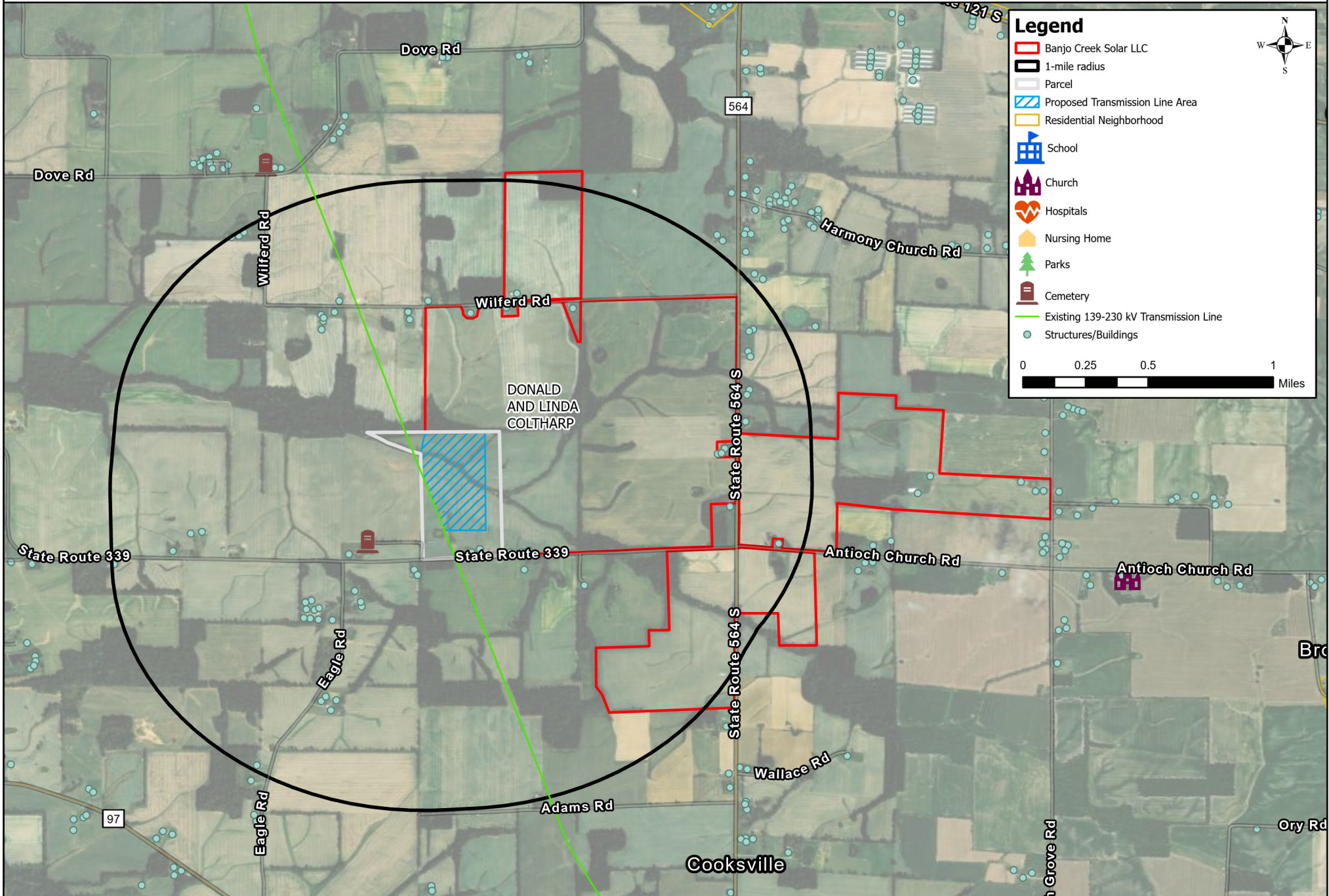
# **Attachment A**

## **Transmission Line**

### **Context Map**

# Banjo Creek Solar LLC

## Transmission Line Context Map



# **Attachment B**

## **Proof of Publication**

AFFIDAVIT

I, SELENA WARD, Sales Manager of The Mayfield Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Mayfield, County of Graves, State of Kentucky, do hereby affirm the legal advertisement attached was published in the October 18, 2023 issue of The Mayfield Messenger.

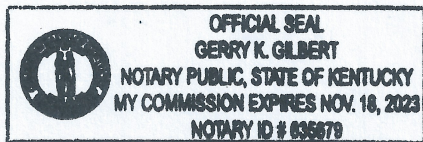
*Selena E Ward*

Selena Ward  
Sales Manager  
The Mayfield Messenger

Sworn to and before me, a Notary, on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

Gerry K Gilbert  
(Notary signature)

My commission expires:  
November 18, 2023





AP Photo/Darron Cummings

LSU head coach Kim Mulkey celebrates after an NCAA college Women's Final Four semifinal basketball game against Virginia Tech on March 31 in Dallas.

## LSU No. 1 in women's preseason AP Top 25 for the first time

BY DOUG FEINBERG  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Defending champion LSU is ranked No. 1 in the women's preseason AP Top 25 college basketball poll for the first time in school history.

LSU, which won its first NCAA title last April behind star player Angel Reese and Co., received 35 first-place votes from a 36-member national media panel in the poll released Tuesday. UConn received the other top vote. The second-ranked Huskies have now been ranked in the AP poll for 565 consecutive weeks, tying Tennessee's record.

Caitlin Clark and national runner-up Iowa was third. UCLA and Utah round out the top five.

The Tigers were ranked second in 1977 and third twice in 2004 and 2005 in the preseason poll, but never No. 1 until this year. There is a lot of optimism around LSU as they return a stellar group, including Reese, along with two talented transfers in Hailey Van Lith and Aneesah Morrow.

"We appreciate the recognition of being the No. 1 ranked team going into the season and it is something we will embrace," LSU coach Kim Mulkey said. "A ranking doesn't win championships, but it brings great awareness to our program and our school. We want to be ranked No. 1 at the end of the season."

The Tigers were last ranked No. 1 in the poll in 2005 when they held the top spot for a five-week stretch.

UConn's run started in the preseason poll of the 1993-94 season and now has gone for 30 straight years. No. 14 Maryland has the second-longest active streak, appearing in the poll now for 250 consecutive weeks.

UCLA and Utah are spending their final year in the Pac-12. The Bruins haven't been in the top five in the preseason since 1999 when they were fifth. The Utes, who haven't been in the preseason poll since 2005, bring back a team led by Pac-12 player of the year Alissa Pili. South Carolina was sixth, ending a run of 38 straight weeks that the Gamecocks were No. 1 in the poll. That's the second longest run behind UConn's 51-week streak (2008-10). Dawn Staley's team has been in the preseason top 10 every year since 2014, trailing only UConn's 30-season run that began in 1994.

Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Indiana and Notre Dame round out the top

10. It's the first time the Hokies, who reached the Final Four last season, are in the preseason top 10.

### STAR POWER

There are a lot of talented players in the rankings alongside Clark, the AP player of the year, Reese and Paige Bueckers of UConn. Texas guard Rori Harmon is lightning quick and Tennessee's Rickea Jackson is a great scorer. Notre Dame guard Olivia Miles is returning from an ACL injury she suffered in March.

### WELCOME BACK

No. 12 Ole Miss is in the preseason poll for the first time since 1995. It's the school's best ranking since the Rebels were ninth on Dec. 8, 1992. No. 23 Illinois is making its first appearance in the preseason rankings since 1999. No. 21 USC is back in the preseason poll for the first time since 2011 and Colorado is getting early recognition for the first time since 2013.

### UNFAMILIAR SPOT

Stanford is ranked 15th in the preseason poll, the school's lowest mark since 2015 when the Cardinal were 16th. Tara VanDerveer's squad had been in the top 10 in the six previous initial polls.

### CONFERENCE SUPREMACY

The Pac-12 has the most ranked teams (six). No. 24 Washington State joins UCLA, Utah, Stanford, Colorado and USC. It's the first time that the Cougars have been ranked in the preseason poll.

The SEC, Big Ten and ACC each have five schools ranked. The Big East and Big 12 each have two teams in the poll.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The season begins for most teams Nov. 6 with some huge matchups in the first couple of weeks, including LSU playing Colorado and Ohio State facing USC on opening night in Las Vegas. Notre Dame and South Carolina also play each other that day in Paris.

### Publication of Notice for Transmission Line

Banjo Creek Solar LLC is proposing to build a 161kV electric transmission line (the "Gen-Tie") up to approximately 2,000 feet in length from the proposed Banjo Creek Solar, LLC substation to a future TVA switching station to be connected to TVA's existing 161kV transmission system. The Gen-Tie will be located in Graves County south of Farmington city limits in the North-South corridor near Kentucky Route 339. The proposed Gen-Tie may be subject to approval by the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting. The Siting Board may be contacted at 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602; phone (502) 564-3940; toll-free 1-800-772-4636.

## NCAA president shifts focus to employment status of college athletes at Senate hearing

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

At a Senate hearing Tuesday, NCAA President Charlie Baker shifted the focus of college sports' needs toward the looming possibility of athletes being deemed employees of their schools and away from federal legislation to regulate how they can be compensated for their fame.

Baker, Big Ten Commissioner Tony Petitti and Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick were among the witnesses appearing in front of the House Judiciary Committee, the 10th hearing on college sports to be held on Capitol Hill since 2020.

Also appearing were former Florida gymnast Trinity Thomas; Walker Jones, who runs the booster-funded collective that supports University of Mississippi athletes; St. Joseph's athletic director Jill Bodensteiner; and Ramogi Huma, a longtime advocate for college athletes.

Baker said in his opening statement that college sports are "overdue for change."

"But I am proud to say we are doing something about that," he said.

Baker, the former governor of Massachusetts, touted recent reforms by the NCAA, including more long-term health insurance for athletes, degree completion funds for up to 10 years and scholarship protections.

He also told the committee the NCAA was moving forward with its own regulations for name, image and likeness compensation deals for athletes.

Baker, his predecessor, Mark Emmert and other college sports leaders have been lobbying Congress for help with a federal law to regulate NIL compensation

since before the NCAA lifted its ban on NIL payments to athletes in 2021. Several bills have been introduced or made public, including a few bipartisan efforts in recent months, but nothing has gained traction despite what many have referred to as an untenable situation.

"Utah is offering everybody on the team a new truck," said Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.). "Between the (transfer) portal and NIL, college football is in absolute chaos."

Meanwhile, new legal threats to the collegiate model have emerged. An antitrust case could force schools and conferences that compete at the highest levels of the NCAA into professional sports-style revenue sharing of billions in media rights dollars with football and basketball players.

The NCAA is comprised of more 1,100 schools, serving hundreds of thousands of athletes.

"To enable enhanced benefits while protecting programs from one-size-fits-all actions in the courts, we support codifying current regulatory guidance into law by granting student-athletes special status that would affirm they are not employees," Baker said.

Baker said athlete representatives from all three NCAA divisions have stated they do not want to be employees of their schools. He said without congressional action, Division II and III schools might abandon their athletic programs.

Huma, who has been at the forefront of the push for college athletes to receive more benefits and protections, conceded that only major college football and basketball players should be considered for employ-



AP Photo/Darren Abate

NCAA president Charlie Baker speaks during the NCAA Convention on Jan. 12 in San Antonio.

ment status.

The NCAA men's Division I basketball tournament accounts for most of the association's annual revenue, which surpassed \$1 billion last year, and Power Five conferences have multibillion-dollar television contracts worth billions with most of the value driven by football.

"People are discussing closing the door on employee status without paying the athletes fairly," Huma said.

Petitti, who became Big Ten commissioner earlier this year after a long career as a television and Major League Baseball executive, said his schools are open to providing more benefits directly to athletes.

The Big Ten signed media rights deals last year that will pay the conference more than \$7 billion over the next seven years.

In written testimony, Swarbrick said Congress could consider a "more radical approach" and codify a system in which athletes could negotiate with conferences over terms and conditions of athletic participation.

"They want to know there's an even playing field, we have to find a way to deliver that to them," Swarbrick said during the hearing. "That can come either by empowering the

NCAA in limited areas to enable competitive equity or to develop a process by which we can agree with our student-athletes on what those rules and regulations should be."

Bodensteiner, the St. Joe's AD, said the problems in college sports are impacting only a small part of the enterprise and mostly stem from major college football.

"The reality is at a Division I school like St. Joe's, college athletics is actually working quite well," she said.

Jones' appearance was the first by someone representing a NIL collective at a congressional hearing on college sports. He said the booster-backed groups support federal legislation that would preempt state NIL laws and that collectives would like to be involved in the solution.

"I think if we're doing our part, we can provide really transparent and tangible details to all the stakeholders," Jones said.

Baker said he was skeptical on collectives helping with transparency and Petitti expressed concerns about their growing power.

"We are concerned that management of college athletics is shifting away from universities to collectives," Petitti said.

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