

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION
AND TRANSMISSION SITING

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
WEIRS CREEK SOLAR, LLC FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE TO CONSTRUCT AN)	
APPROXIMATELY 150 MEGAWATT)	
MERCHANT SOLAR ELECTRIC)	CASE NO.
GENERATING FACILITY IN WEBSTER)	2024-00099
COUNTY AND HOPKINS COUNTY,)	
KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700)	
ET SEQ. AND 807 KAR 5:110)	

**WEIRS CREEK SOLAR, LLC’S RESPONSES TO SITING BOARD STAFF’S POST-
HEARING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Comes now Weirs Creek Solar, LLC (“Weirs Creek”), by counsel, and does hereby tender its Verified Response to Siting Board Staff’s Post-Hearing Request for Information entered October 18, 2024.

Filed: November 1, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON
ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)
WEIRS CREEK SOLAR, LLC FOR A)
CERTIFICATE TO CONSTRUCT AN)
APPROXIMATELY 150 MEGAWATT)
MERCHANT SOLAR ELECTRIC)
GENERATING FACILITY AND RELATED)
NONREGULATED TRANSMISSION LINE)
IN WEBSTER COUNTY AND HOPKINS)
COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT)
TO KRS 278.700 ET SEQ. AND 807 KAR 5:110)

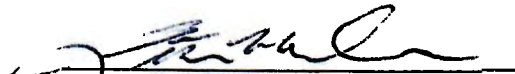
CASE NO. 2024-00099

VERIFICATION OF LESTER MORALES

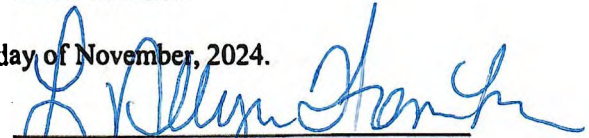
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

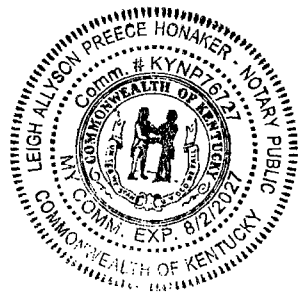
COUNTY OF MADISON)

Comes now Lester Morales, Lead Project Manager of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, being first duly sworn, and states that he has supervised the preparation of certain responses of Weirs Creek Solar, LLC to the Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information in the above-referenced case, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.


Lester Morales

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 1 day of November, 2024.


Notary ID:
Expires:



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON
ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)
WEIRS CREEK SOLAR, LLC FOR A)
CERTIFICATE TO CONSTRUCT AN)
APPROXIMATELY 150 MEGAWATT)
MERCHANT SOLAR ELECTRIC)
GENERATING FACILITY AND RELATED)
NONREGULATED TRANSMISSION LINE)
IN WEBSTER COUNTY AND HOPKINS)
COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT)
TO KRS 278.700 ET SEQ. AND 807 KAR 5:110)

CASE NO. 2024-00099

VERIFICATION OF BRIAN BARTELS

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

Comes now Brian Bartels, Senior Environmental Specialist of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, being first duly sworn, and states that he has supervised the preparation of certain responses of Weirs Creek Solar, LLC to the Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information in the above-referenced case, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

Brian Bartels
Brian Bartels

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 13th day of November 2024.

Jennifer Reynolds
Notary ID: H14091424
Expires: 2-21-25



Weirs Creek Solar, LLC
Case No. 2024-00099
Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information

Request 1: Explain whether any contact has been made with entities that own oil or gas wells on the project site. Include information on whether such entities have maintained mineral rights in the project area.

Response 1:

Weirs Creek has contacted the owners of subsurface coal, oil, and gas wells in the project area. Mineral rights are being retained by the current owners.

Weirs Creek Solar, LLC
Case No. 2024-00099
Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information

Request 2: Explain whether Weirs Creek Solar plans to use on-site water wells during the construction phase of the project.

Response 2:

At this date, Weirs Creek cannot definitively state whether or not on-site wells will be used during construction. This will be determined by the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor. If on-site wells are used, Weirs Creek will ensure the EPC follows any state and/or local requirements for use of the wells.

Weirs Creek Solar, LLC
Case No. 2024-00099
Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information

Request 3: Explain whether water wells in the project area not used will be capped.

Response 3:

Weirs Creek will coordinate with the individual landowners whose water wells fall within the project area to determine if the well should be abandoned (“capped”). If the landowner would like the well abandoned/capped, Weirs Creek will work with the EPC to follow any state and/or local requirements for proper abandonment of the water well.

Weirs Creek Solar, LLC
Case No. 2024-00099
Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information

Request 4: Explain whether Weirs Creek Solar would consider utilizing stricter building standards than those required by state and local law.

Response 4:

Weirs Creek is willing to consider stricter standards than what is required by state and local law.

Weirs Creek Solar, LLC
Case No. 2024-00099
Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information

Request 5: Explain whether the topography of the project site will need to be altered. If so, explain the impact of changing topography on the local environment.

Response 5:

A preliminary topography survey was performed for the Project when developing the site plan. Additional surveying may occur as the final site layout is developed. It is not anticipated the grading required for this project will change the topography in such a way that there would be impacts to the local environment. Ground disturbance associated with grading will be permitted under the Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general construction permit from the Kentucky Division of Water.

Weirs Creek Solar, LLC
Case No. 2024-00099
Siting Board Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information

Request 6: In the event that the remote monitoring center located in Florida is offline, provide any information on backup plans to remotely monitor equipment at the project site.

Response 6:

Weirs Creek Solar does not anticipate the remote monitoring center in Florida will be offline. The remote center is supplied with redundant backups for continuous monitoring of the Project site.