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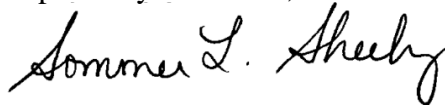
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF LYNN)
BARK ENERGY CENTER, LLC FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR AN)
UP TO 200 MEGAWATT MERCHANT)
ELECTRIC SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY)
IN MARTIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY)

Case No. 2024-00104

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE – PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Comes now Applicant Lynn Bark Energy Center, LLC by counsel, and pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110 Section 9(1), hereby files proof of publication of the notice of formal evidentiary hearing. The public notice was published in *The Mountain Citizen*, a local newspaper of general circulation in Martin County, Kentucky, on September 25, 2024. A copy of the hearing notice and accompanying Affidavit of Publication is attached hereto as Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Roger Smith, Publisher of The Mountain Citizen, a newspaper published in **Inez, Kentucky**, and having the largest circulation of any newspaper in **Martin County, Kentucky**, do hereby certify, from my own knowledge and a check of the files of this newspaper, that the advertisement PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING for BRICKER GRAYDON was inserted in The Mountain Citizen on the following dates

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Martin County Housing Authority has announced their 5 year plan for Riverside Apartments. A public hearing date will be announced at a later date.37-43b

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 880-8002 Renewal No. 8

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, 81 Enterprise Drive, Debord, Kentucky 41214 has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 786.15 acres located north-east of Odds in Martin County.

The facility is approximately 3.0 miles south from KY Route 3's junction with Middle Fork of Rockcastle Creek Road and located 0.1 mile west of the Middle Fork of Rockcastle Creek.

The operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7½ minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation, Big Sandy Regional Airport, Inc., A.E. Reitz Heirs (Richard & Carol Reitz), and George Harless Heirs (Betty McKenzie, Robert C. Pelphrey, Robert Royce & Abigail Pelphrey, Michael & Theodoris A. Warner, Fred & Alta Kidder, Arthur & Brenda Harless, Robert & Brenda Nahrwald, Delbert & Carol Harless, Carl & Janet Carmean, Joseph & Judy Akers, Clinton & Rita J. Lowe, Robert Harless, Ronald & Brevia Harless, Burt Harless, Mike & Rachel L. Garcia, Ron & Sylvia Harless Newman, Patsy Houry, Robert & Ladonna Settles, Billy Goble, Ricky & Deresa Slone).

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. 39,40,41ch, 42b

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Water System Assessment and Strategic Plan

Introduction

The Thrive Community Coalition is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to conduct a comprehensive analysis of Martin County Water District's current performance and future needs and to provide a 10-Year strategic plan that will serve as a long-term roadmap for the Martin County Water District. This initiative aims to address critical infrastructure challenges and secure necessary public funding for future improvements. The final analysis and strategic plan must be completed by April 1, 2025.

Vendors responding to this RFP are encouraged to review information regarding the district's current operations and capital planning found in the Martin County Utility Board's packets, which are filed monthly with the Kentucky Public Service Commission under Case Number 2020-00154 and incorporate that information into the proposal.

Objectives

The selected vendor will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive analysis of Martin County Water District's current performance and future needs and develop a strategic plan. In conducting the analysis and developing the plan, the selected vendor must work closely with the Martin County Water Board, Alliance Water Resources, community leaders, and Martin County residents to ensure alignment with local priorities. The vendor will be required to conduct public meetings during the development of the plan to ensure community engagement and will be required to present the final plan for approval to the Martin County Utility Board no later than the Board's March 2025 meeting, which is scheduled for March 25, 2025.

Scope of Work

Proposals should include a detailed scope of work including the following: Current Assessment. An assessment of the current system infrastructure, operations, and funding. This assessment should include a review of current operational efficiencies, an inventory of existing system infrastructure including age, maintenance needs, and anticipated replacement requirements for each major aspect of the system in both tabular and visual, system map formats. The assessment should also review current financial health of the operations and inventory all currently awarded, pending awards, and applications for funding in both tabular and visual, system map formats. 10-Year Strategic Plan. A 10-Year strategic plan that would define incremental progress milestones and at a minimum the following: priorities and timelines for infrastructure investment; recommended strategies for reducing water loss and other operational inefficiencies in the short term, including identification of indicators of progress going forward; identification of potential funding sources for all investments as well as a complete inventory of all pending and awarded public funding applications; identification of sources of technical assistance for funding opportunities; analysis of the roles and responsibilities of different institutional stakeholders, including the county government and the water board; and recommendations for ensuring accountability for measuring and regularly reporting to the water board and the public. Community Engagement.

The selected vendor should incorporate broad-based community engagement throughout the assessment and plan development process. As part of an effort to address issues of public trust in the water system and its governance, the engagement plan should include facilitated stakeholder meetings and other methods to gather and incorporate community input and provide opportunities for public feedback of both the assessment of the current state of the water district and the development of the strategic plan. The engagement plan should include a final presentation of the plan to the public and the Martin County Utility Board for approval, which can be accomplished at the March 2025 Martin County Utility Board Meeting. Progress Reporting.

The selected vendor shall provide monthly project progress updates to both the Thrive Community Coalition as well as the Martin County Utility Board throughout the course of the project.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals must include a company or organizational profile that highlights relevant experience, a project approach outlining the proposed methodology, an estimated timeline for project completion, a detailed budget, and at least three references from relevant clients or projects.

Submission Instructions / Award Timeline

Please submit proposals by the designated submission deadline of October 15 at 5:00 pm eastern via email. Submissions can be sent to waterproject@thriveserves.com.

Award decisions are expected to promptly be made with the goal of notifying awarded vendor by end of business Friday, October 18, 2024. Contract for engagement will soon follow with work expected to begin no later than November 1, 2024.

Evaluation Criteria

The organization or entity performing the assessment and drafting the plan needs to have experience working with similar small utilities in mountainous Appalachian terrain and needs to be familiar with Kentucky's regulatory and funding environment. Proposals should include information regarding the bidding entity's history of completing projects on time and under budget. Proposals will be evaluated based on relevant experience and qualifications, the proposed approach and methodology, understanding of Martin County's specific challenges, cost-effectiveness, and the stakeholder engagement strategy. Proposal scoring will adhere to the following rubric:

Proposed Assessment Outline:	20 points
Proposed 10-Year Strategic Plan Outline:	20 points
Proposed Community Engagement Plan:	20 points
Relevant Experience:	30 points
References:	10 points

Questions regarding this solicitation should be sent to the submission email waterproject@thriveserves.com prior to October 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm eastern and will be answered by October 11 at 5:00 pm eastern.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING FOR THE LYNN BARK ENERGY CENTER

On June 7, 2024, Lynn Bark Energy Center, LLC ("Lynn Bark") filed an application with the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting ("Siting Board") in Case No. 2024-00104. Lynn Bark is proposing to develop and construct an up to 200-megawatt alternating current merchant solar electric generating facility on approximately 1,514 acres of reclaimed mine with forested portions located in the west-central portion of Martin County, Kentucky, south of the town of Inez.

The proposed Lynn Bark project will consist of approximately 357,588 photovoltaic solar panels and associated racking, approximately 51 inverters, a project substation transformer, and other necessary equipment to support the Project. A map of the Project Area is provided below:

The Project website includes information about the size and location of the proposed Project. The website can be accessed at www.lynnbarkenergycenter.com. Additionally, you may email questions about the Project to Lynn Bark's representative, Caleb Lemoine, at clemoine@savionenergy.com.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 9(1), notice is hereby provided that a formal evidentiary hearing for this matter has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on October 16, 2024, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission ("PSC") located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC's website, which is www.psc.ky.gov.

Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listing on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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