

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF EAST)
KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.)
FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND)
SITE COMPATIBILITY CERTIFICATES)
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 96 MW)
(NOMINAL) SOLAR FACILITY IN MARION)
COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND A 40 MW)
(NOMINAL) SOLAR FACILITY IN FAYETTE)
COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND APPROVAL OF)
CERTAIN ASSUMPTION OF EVIDENCES)
OF INDEBTEDNESS RELATED TO THE)
SOLAR FACILITIES AND OTHER RELIEF)**

CASE NO.
2024-00129

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT OF REDDING GOBER

Comes now East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., (“EKPC” or the Company”) by and through the undersigned counsel, pursuant to applicable law, and for its response to the public comment filed into the case record on April 22, 2026 states as follows:

EKPC is not clearing trees/brush along U.S. 60-Winchester Road in the vicinity of the planned Cooperative Solar Farm Two—Fayette, and has no plans to do so. Based on conversations EKPC has had with Kentucky Utilities (“KU”) personnel, the ongoing tree/brush clearing is being performed at the direction of KU to maintain the right-of-way of KU’s 69-kilovolt transmission line, which runs immediately parallel to U.S. 60-Winchester Road, between the highway and EKPC’s property. Woody vegetation such as trees and shrubs must be controlled within electric

transmission rights-of-way to ensure safety and reliability of equipment, so it is understandable that KU is taking steps to prevent trees and brush from growing into its power lines.

As discussed in EKPC's application to the PSC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, EKPC will leave most of the vegetation along the solar site boundaries to screen visibility from roads and neighboring residences. Where tree screening is scant around the solar facility, EKPC will install a 15-foot vegetative buffer.

The attached map displays a preliminary plan for the location of solar panels at the Fayette County solar facility. Please note, the planned location of the panels is set back significantly farther from U.S. 60-Winchester Road than EKPC's initial design. While KU's right-of-way maintenance likely will remove small trees and brush under its power line immediately adjacent to U.S. 60-Winchester Road, EKPC plans to leave most of the existing vegetation around the solar site itself.

Please note, this map contains preliminary information. EKPC is in the process of finalizing plans for the solar facility and may make adjustments. Once finalized, EKPC will file engineering drawings with the PSC, as required.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Counsel for East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Preliminary plan for location of solar panels



Solar panels

Solar panels

Kentucky Utilities substation

EKPC substation



Orange line: Kentucky Utilities transmission line

US 60 - Winchester Road

