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Dr. Matthews:

I live in Western Shelby County KY in the Conner Station Road neighborhood. Conner Station is in the heart of Shelby County's Saddlebred Country, an area vital to the identity and Commerce of Shelby County and is known around the country for its beauty and importance to the American Saddlebred Horse. Conner Station Road is one of the top two or three most picturesque areas in the county.

It has come to my attention LG&E/KU has applied to the KY Public Service Commission to construct a Solar Generating Plant on 35 acres on the east side of Conner Station just north of I-64. At an LG&E/KU sponsored neighborhood meeting which took place on August 23rd, to which only 20 of the 100 residences in our neighborhood were invited, LG&E representatives stated the location was chosen primarily because they wanted a site which is **VISIBLE FROM I-64** so that everyone will see they are promoting alternative energy and being "green". In other words, and with no regard to the beauty and history of the area and to our property values, this project is being used to enhance LG&E and KU's image.

This project will change the zoning classification for the site from a residential/agriculture land use to industrial. We have not been able to find anything on the PSC web site concerning the "property value impacts" for our neighborhood as a result of the solar facility, nor have we seen the "detailed mitigation measures" for the proposed facility such as vegetative screening and decorative fencing if the project goes forward. We feel LG&E should make both available to the PSC and posted for our review.

I believe all of us are interested in alternative energy sources, however we are **strongly opposed** to the location selected. We understand there are commercial and industrial sites available within a few miles of this location, all with equal or better I-64 visibility, and which will not impact the property values or visual impacts of any residential areas.

Thank you for your consideration;

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Date:

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