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Michael Schmitt, Chairman Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd, PO Box 615 Frankfort KY 40602

RE:Application of AEUG Fleming Solar, LLC construction Certification for Merchant Electric Generating Facility Case Number: 2020-00206

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

As a landowner involved in the above project, I wanted to share my thoughts and encourage you to approve this solar project.

When first approached, I was not interested in participating because this farm has been in my family for 200+ years. My ancestors came to Fleming County as early as 1780. My father was a master conservationist, who maintained his topsoil, provided wildlife cover, and taught us to be good stewards of the Earth. However, after I learned that this project uses sustainable practices, (lack of much ground removal, maintenance of present water systems, retention of topsoil via ground cover, etc.), I began to rethink the project. I realized that to honor my father's stewardship, I SHOULD participate, and signed up half of my farm for the project. The animal extinction rates due to climate change alone require non carbon sources of energy be developed. It is the RIGHT thing to do as a landowner and the fertile topsoil will be saved for future use, if needed.

Additionally, as a lifelong resident of Fleming County for 69 years, I've seen this county deteriorate since my childhood. Now there are few local jobs; our only businesses are dollar stores, second hand stores, corporate feed mills, gas stations. Our efforts to attract outside companies yielded little success. We have one factory in one of our two Industrial Parks. Fleming County desperately needs new investment and this project would be a wonderful shot of new money.

Please approve this project for the sake of the citizens here. I can see NO downside to this, even for the large farm service suppliers. Very few farmers are self supporting, and those that are, ruin valuable topsoil by growing row crops that this highly erodible land cannot maintain. This is the best hope for growth we've had in a very long time. Thank you for your attention to my points.

Sincerely, Denise Vibbert

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