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



Re:

Application of AEUG Fleming Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct a

Merchant Electric Generating Facility

Case Number: 2020-00206

Dear Mr. Schmitt.

I am writing in support of Acciona's Fleming Solar Project that will be located near Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

This Project will be a great opportunity that will provide benefits to Fleming County and its residents for years to come. This new industry will create opportunities for economic growth and the ability to diversify our economy. The Project will bring a number of economic benefits to an area hit extremely hard this past year by the COVID-19 pandemic including hundreds of construction jobs in the near term, permanent jobs, significant additional tax revenue, lease payments for landowners, new opportunities for local merchants to provide goods and services, and an overall boost to the local economy. These benefits are realized without an increase in demand for schools and other public services like police and fire protection, which often accompany other forms of development.

Solar development is also unique in that it should be viewed as a temporary land use change because at the end of the Project's useful life the land will be returned to the landowners and their families in the same condition as when it was originally leased.

An economic jolt like this does not come around too often and, for small towns, this means a large and positive impact on the quality of life. To me, Fleming Solar is a welcome business "neighbor."

I urge the Siting Board to issue the Construction Certificate to move this project forward.

Respectfully,

Raren J. Brown

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