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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Application of AEUG Madison Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility Case Number: 2020-00219
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:03:00 PM

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Vince Vickers [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:05 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Cc: Carol Vickers <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Application of AEUG Madison Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility Case Number: 2020-00219

Michael Schmitt, Chairman
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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Re: Application of AEUG Madison Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility Case Number: 2020-00219

Dear Mr. Schmitt,

I am one of the land owners who has come to agreement with Acciona on the Madison Solar Project, in Richmond, KY. My land has been owned by my family 2 generations before me and I have spent over two years working through this with several different contractors that were interested in our land, with multiple lawyers with local ties as well as others with expertise in these types of solar projects, and most importantly with the other landowners who have made the decision to participate in the project.

None of us made this decision easily, however, in all cases we arrived at the same conclusion that this was the right thing to do for our families and that the realistic downside is far outweighed by the positives for both our personal situations as well as the community impact. I currently live in the Indianapolis area, in a rural suburb, and these solar projects have been a significant part of the energy plans for that area for the past decade. This new use of the farm property around us has allowed the declining family farm industry to make alternative use of their land and provide a new income opportunity. That has helped with consumer sentiment, with additional taxes, and with new jobs. The projects have been handled with care by the solar companies, with sensitivity to surrounding homeowners views and visibility to the solar farms, and frankly at a minimum they are not really even noticed any longer, and some would argue that the design actually made the surrounding area more attractive, where some farms had been in decline visibly due to no longer being groomed, or farmed.

Solar is a great future energy source and I believe Richmond and Madison County, more broadly, has a great opportunity with this proposed project to become the leader for the State of Kentucky and to become a real success story for our energy future in that area. I am excited about this, and I am confident this is the right thing to do for all involved. Please let me know if i can help in any way as this moves forward. I am happy to speak with anyone about this - thanks, Vince.

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From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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Subject: Madison Solar Project - 2020-00219
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From: Robert Vickers [REDACTED] >
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Dear Sir:

I am Robert C. Vickers, a Madison County resident and overseer/manager of the Cardinal Valley Farm on the Red House Road in northern Madison County. The owners of the farm are my two sons, Vince Vickers of Fishers, IN, and Ryan Vickers of Canton, MI. This farm is one of several farms in this area which have been selected to be leased for the proposed solar farm in Northern Madison County.

I write in total support of the project.

When we were initially approached about the project over two years ago, we were skeptical about it at several points: what would be the neighbors' reactions?; would the aesthetic appeal of the area be negatively impacted?; what would be the effect on property values?; how would it disrupt life during construction?; what would be the resulting road conditions during and following construction?; how would the land be left after the lease was up?; and, how would it impact Madison County? Additionally, we wondered, "Why us, and why here?"

We spent considerable time in telephonic conversations with the companies involved and with attorneys who are familiar with similar projects in other areas of the country. No stone was left unturned! I can assure you that the hard questions were asked and the answers were pursued in order to gain full understanding and satisfaction.

I can say with confidence that the representatives of the companies seemed to be honest and forthcoming, and their track record appears to bear that out. All the concerns raised by our Madison County neighbors were answered in our discussions, and I believe that the open forums provided by the Madison County Board eased the majority of the resistance to this progressive step.

I am delighted with the financial boost which the farmers whose land is included in this project will realize! Current land usage for raising cattle and hay cannot begin to compare with the value of the lease agreement. There will definitely be an economic bump to the county during the construction phase, and the boost in local tax revenue for the county will benefit all residents. And, perhaps most importantly, I am convinced that solar energy is an incredibly responsible way for Madison County to move forward with renewable energy as we look to the future.

I totally support this project!

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: project case number 2020-00219 Madison County Solar Acciona
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:52 PM
To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: project case number 2020-00219 Madison County Solar Acciona

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

We are one of the property owners writing to you in support of Acciona's Madison Solar Project located north of Richmond, Ky. We feel we could help supply clean energy for our county and state and still receive benefits from the lease for us and our family. We are 80 years old and need to stop farming. This will be passed down to our children and grandchildren and still have the land when the project is completed.

A solar farm is used at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky for research development to see the possibility on how they can get more solar energy on campus. This is just one more way that people can use their land and resources to make a better quality of life. Most people would rather have solar than a subdivision or trailer park.

I think this project will create opportunities for economic growth such as jobs, additional tax revenue, housing, and local merchants opportunities for goods and services.

This land use is only temporary since it will be returned to the landowner when the project is finished in

the same condition as when it was leased.

We are requesting the Siting Board to approve this project.

Respectfully,

Harold & Jean Bucher

From: [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)
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From: JIAN SUN <[REDACTED]>
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To: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>
Subject: Support for Case# 2020-00219

Dear Mr. Schmitt,

I am writing in support of Acciona's Madison Solar Project that will be located just north of Richmond, Kentucky.

This Project will be a great opportunity that will provide benefits to Madison 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, Madison Solar is a welcome business “neighbor.”

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

Respectfully,

Jing Li

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