From: <u>Bruner, Brandon S (PSC)</u> on behalf of <u>PSC Executive Director</u>

To:

Subject: 2020-00206 and 2020-00370

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:40:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of AEUG Fleming Solar, LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00206, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00206 (ky.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:57 PM

To: PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>
Subject: 2020-00206 and 2020-00370

From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:24 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission cfilings@ky.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:16 PM

To: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by (Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 1:16 PM

Name: Tommy W.& Wilhemina Whisman

Address: 2416 Convict Pike

City: Flemingsburg

State: KY

Zip Code: 41041

Phone number where you can be reached:

) on

Home phone:

Utility Name: Accuiba

State the nature of your concern: Two solar energy companies have applications for intent to build industrial scale solar plants and call them solar "farms" Case No. 2020-00206 and 2020-00370 in Fleming County. Hundreds of acres of beautiful farmland could be covered with solar panels. We live on a 30 acre parcel of land on Convict Pike. These projects have completely covered our road on both sides and in the back. No other residents on these roads were notified of their intent other than landowners. when someone signs up to lease land to these companies it is often a 30 year lease, renewable. I realize the landowners have the right to do what they want with their property if all the effects from the facilities could stay on the leased land I would agree with that. The truth is that solar panels contain toxic chemicals which eventually leach into our water supply. These facilities affect the property value of our nearby homes and land. Not to mention a myriad of other concerns including noise from the inverters. So far, Acciona has filed a motion for deviation from the required 1000 ft setback from neighboring property lines and 2000 ft setback from residential neighborhoods, schools, hospital and nursing homes for their Fleming County Merchant Generating Facility. In other words, they want to construct these facilities much closer to where we live, work, attend school and receive healthcare. These are power plants effectively. With the construction of these two solar projects we will be totally surrounded. Landowners who have leased to them or sold owns acres of road frontage. And we will see these everyday on our commutes and hear them outside on our property for the rest of our lifetime. It is our understanding that the energy produced from these panels will be transmitted along a large transmission line that crosses our road and a large portion of this energy will be transmitted up north. How can this possible benefit the residents of Fleming and Mason counties. These panels are not low profile and will be no more visible than a cornfield at harvest. We are having a public meeting on March 25, 2021, at 6pm but public knows very little about except by word of mouth. There should be proper notice to all residents of a road not just landowners. There are approximately 21 household residents that this will affect on Helena Road and who were unaware of Accionas intent until they discovered them surveying the property adjacent to theirs. We request that this application and permit be denied. These farmlands will never be restored. Farmland lost is farmland lost to all future generations. This will have a lasting negative economic and environmental effect on our community from now on. Respectfully submitted. Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

From: <u>Bruner, Brandon S (PSC)</u> on behalf of <u>PSC Executive Director</u>

To: Subject:

2020-00206

Date:

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:38:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of AEUG Fleming Solar, LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00206, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00206 (ky.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:36 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: 2020-00206

From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 3:33 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission cfilings@ky.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 3:03 PM

To: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Friday, March 12, 2021 at 3:03 PM

Name: Tommy W Whisman Address: 2416 Convict Pike

City: Flemingsburg

State: KY

Zip Code: 41041

Phone number where you can be reached:

on

Home phone:

Utility Name: Aeug Fleming Solar, LLC

State the nature of your concern: Case No. 2020-00206 We own property located in the middle of this proposed project. We are surrounded by large farm owners who have already committed to this project and had done so without any public prior knowledge to us of the project. A majority of the northern western parcels of this project will be visible to commuters and residents. These parcels front KY 559 up to the road. You can see their land from the roadway. These panels will be visible from our home from the front, back and side. There will be no buffer zone along these properties and a woven wire fence with barbwire is not a pretty site. There are potential changes in property values and land use. Local concerns of realtors indicate that there could be significant value impacts to those located in the southeast of the project. Mr. Meredith Story states the following in Section 5 Page V-14 of the Description of impacts: "Mr. Story commented that the thought the existence of the solar facility could have a negative effect on property desirability and sale prices and that those effects would be tied to the visibility of the Project. They also clearly pointed out potential negative economic impacts on homes located close to solar facilities. There is a noise level to these panels and inverters and given the number of panels that will be constructed on these large farms we are told that during construction for a year and at least 23 residences and possibly more could very well be annoyed continually since the inverters do not turn off at night and continue to hum through the night. There has been no specific plan such as vegetative buffers that would (NOT TOTALLY OMIT) the operational noise of the inverters. There will be no migrating geese, no birds, no wildlife that will remain in our area. These panels contain chemicals and oil that can and will leach out into the land and nearby streams. There has not been a study as to the health and environmental effects on our community. The economic impact will be confined to mostly property taxes, operation employment will be minimal and purchases of materials or supplies will be very small on an annual basis. Tax payments made to the Fleming County taxing authority will gradually decline over time due to depreciation and will become a very small percentage of total tax revenues for any one entity. This project could cause significant and aesthic impacts upon the county citizens with very little benefits over the life of the project. Our beautiful farmlands will be gone and will never be restored to what they once were. We strongly object to this project and to the secretiveness in their acquiring the landowners before bringing it to the attention of the other homeowners in which they were not interested in acquiring their property. We have invested our lives in this property and it will never be the same if this project is approved.\ We will not be able to sell now or in the future. No one wants to sit on their front porch or deck and listen to the hum of solar panels and never be able to enjoy the wildlife and birds again.

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

From: <u>Bruner, Brandon S (PSC)</u> on behalf of <u>PSC Executive Director</u>

To:

Subject: CASE NO 2020-00206

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:39:00 AM

Thank you for your comments on the application of AEUG Fleming Solar, LLC. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00206, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2020-00206 (ky.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

Brandon Bruner Administrative Branch Manager Filings Branch General Administration

Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

From: PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:53 PM **To:** PSC Executive Director <PSCED@ky.gov>

Subject: CASE NO 2020-00206

From: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:25 PM

To: PSC Public Information Officer < PSC.Info@ky.gov>

Subject: FW: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

From: KY Public Service Commission cfilings@ky.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:45 AM

To: PSC Consumer Web Inquiry < PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>

Subject: KY PSC Utility Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 11:44 AM

Name: BRENDA SMOOT

Address: 291 HUNTER TRACE DR

City: EWING State: KY

Zip Code: 41039

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

Utility Name: FLEMING SOLAR PROJECT

State the nature of your concern: I AM OPPOSED TO THE SOLAR FARM PROJECT THAT IS ABOUT TO BE LOCATED BESIDE AND BEHIND MY SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN LOCUST RIDGE SUBDIVISION HERE IN FLEMING COUNTY. I LIVE IN A SUBDIVISION THAT HAS SEVERAL HOMES IN IT VALUED ANYWHERE FROM \$250-\$300K AND I AM CONCERNED WHAT THE EFFECTS THESE PANELS WILL BE TO THE VALUE OF MY HOME. I AM ALSO CONCERNED FOR THE HEALTH EFFECTS THESE THINGS WILL IMPOSE ON THE RESIDENTS IN THE EFFECTED AREA AND TO THE FARMLAND THAT THEY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON. I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER TO CANCEL THE APPROVAL OF THE THESE SOLAR PANELS. CASE NO 2020-00206

Have you contacted the utility about the problem: No

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