

January 21, 2021

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**RE: Application of AEUG Madison Solar, LLC Case # 2020-00219**

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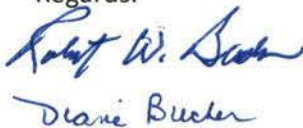
We are writing to you in support of Acciona's Madison Solar Project that will be in our county.

Acciona has afforded us the opportunity to keep our farms, make more income than we have been to make farming. Farming is difficult and never a guarantee of a successful year. Most of the farmers involved in the leasing of their farms to Acciona are seniors with children that have different career paths and will not be maintaining the family farm. Leasing our farms for solar energy lets us continue to have income and pass the income stream to our children.

We feel that solar energy is a clean renewable energy that is low cost and environmentally safe. We have been good stewards of our land as well as the other farmers involved in this Solar Project. We feel that leasing for solar farms preserves green space for future generations. Acciona will be returning our farms to original, if not better state when leases have expired.

Please consider what future generations will be needing in terms of energy and the preservation of land. Environmentalist and Global Warming Activist have killed Kentucky's Coal. Energy has been embraced by this groups.

Regards.



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

Respectfully,

Warm regards,

**Jing Li (President)**



**BIG WIND LLC**

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Dear Mr. Schmitt,

I am writing this letter in support of Acciona's Madison Solar Project. I am a current landowner for the proposed solar farm.

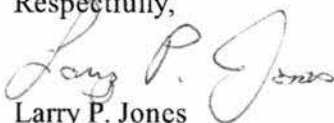
This project will benefit many different areas of economic growth for Madison County. Besides the many devastating effects the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our community, the county will soon suffer another financial blow when the CSEPP project, built for the sole purpose of destroying toxic gases and substances on the Blue Grass Army Depot, winds up in the next couple of years. Jobs will be lost, revenue to the county will greatly decrease, and Madison County's future will not look very promising. To have this solar farm project come to Madison County would greatly enhance the future outlook for our area. Jobs will be created, there will be significant additional tax revenue, lease payments for landowners to name but a few of the benefits. Plus, these benefits can be realized without an increase in demand for schools and other public services.

Solar developments provide a unique opportunity by allowing for land to be temporarily leased and then at the end of the Projects useful life, the land will be returned to the landowners and their families in the same condition as when it was originally leased. This could very well be the only option some landowners have to maintain ownership of their land. Farming is increasingly harder to make a living from due to falling cattle market prices and the inability to hire help. Farming is hard work and there aren't a lot of people wanting to work that hard.

My farm is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation farm and our children will one day inherit it. They do not have any desire in farming the land, but this would enable them to hold onto the farm without having to sell it. I don't feel like other individuals who have never farmed for a living should be able to tell you what you have to do with your own property.

Hopefully, the Siting Board will issue the Construction Certificate in order that this project can move forward.

Respectfully,



Larry P. Jones  
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Dear Mr. Schmitt,

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As the wife of one of the land owners, I hope that this Siting Board will issue the Construction Certificate to move this project forward. My husband works extremely hard as a farmer. With a declining cattle market and the inability to find help to work on the farm, many farmers are having a difficult time making ends meet. This land lease would enable my husband and other local farm owners the opportunity to make life a little easier for them and their families.

Most of the critics of this project are primarily concerned that they don't like the looks of the project. I feel that farmers who have dedicated their lives to caring for their farms should have the right to enter into these lease contracts as a means of providing for their families. Critics voice the concern that their property values will be detrimentally effected. However, there is no evidence to substantiate these claims.

Economically our area would benefit as a whole: New job opportunities , an increase in tax income for the county, and contributing to an industry that is a green energy. These, as well as other opportunities for our county, will be made available throughout the county and can be obtained without creating an added demand on local schools and other public services.

Hopefully your board will take into consideration that these farmers should have the right do as they wish with their property.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,



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My wife and I own land that will be adjoining land that will be used by Madison Solar Project. We recently built a home on this land. We fully support this project. There are no known hazards associated with solar panels and the solar farms that we have visited in neighboring states are very clean and impressive.

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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." We realize that the landscape of our view will change, but we are excited about the clean energy that will be provided by this project.

I urge the Siting Board to issue the Construction Certificate to move this project forward. It will be a positive thing for our county and ultimately our state and nation. Thank you for your support of this project.

Respectfully,

Hank and Nancy Ballinger  
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Angel Ballew  


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The Ballew estate has been established for 5 generations now, and it is largely responsible for the financial welfare of the six families connected to it. Throughout our farm's history, we have mainly made our living by being agricultural producers in Madison County. We have specialized in everything from hay, cattle, hemp, produce, poultry, pork, etc.

Though we know and love the agricultural business, agricultural producers receive slim profits. As you may be aware, for every \$100 spent in the farm service sector, the average farmer/producer only receives about \$7 profit. We seek to improve our situation as producers in Madison County, and we believe a contract with Acciona will help us financially.

We were thrilled to hear of the opportunity for two reasons. First, we support renewable, clean energy efforts. We would be proud to be from an area that is apart of pioneering such efforts in sustainability. Secondly, a solar panel lease contract on our farm would mean financial support for the 6 families that are connected to our estate and generations to come. This lease will also allow us to recognize our very real and tangible dream of business ownership in Madison county within the next five years.

We understand that the goal and motivation to approve the project is the economic stimulation of Madison county. The solar panel deal will bring financial stimulation to both our families and Madison county. The entire Ballew family and estate is in full support of the solar panel deal.

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

All the best,

The Ballew Family

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