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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Application of AEUG Madison Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 7:46:00 AM
Attachments: [solar letter from Beth.pdf](#)
[solar farm letter Larry.pdf](#)

Thank you for your comments on the application of AEUG Madison 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, 2020-00219, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2020-00219 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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From: Beth Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 12:04 PM
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Subject: Re: Application of AEUG Madison Solar, LLC for a Construction Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility

Case Number: 2020-00219

I am sending these letters in support of the Madison Solar, LLC Project

Michael Schmitt, Chairman
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Re: Application of AEUG Madison Solar, LLC For a Construction Certificate to Construct a
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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 4th 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,

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Dear Mr. Schmitt,

I am writing this letter in support of Acciona's Madison Solar Project.

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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