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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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Michael Schmitt, Chairman

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

This Project will be a great financial 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. Madison County is faced with losing a large source of revenue from the retirement of the Bluegrass Army Depot which will be difficult to replace. This project will help cushion that financial blow while having a long-term positive affect for the environment on a much larger scale.

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. The local Board of Adjustments in Madison County did a fantastic job in balancing the costs and benefits to the local community. They are making sure that Acciona will be held accountable throughout the term of the lease thereby protecting nearby residents, landowners, and the people of Madison County. They placed strenuous conditions on the project beginning with construction to its eventual retirement 30 years from now. They were tasked with tough decisions, but in my opinion, they struck the right balance for all parties involved.

An economic impact like this does not come often, and for smaller cities like Richmond, this will make a meaningful difference. While nearby residents are most fearful of declines in property values, the statistics are inconclusive and subject to much debate. With your boards expertise in dealing with utilities along with the conditions set by the Board of Adjustments in Madison County, I am hopeful you will clearly see the positive's outweighing the negative's in this case. As the country moves to new forms of energy, Kentucky has the choice to be part of the solution or see these opportunities go to neighboring states.

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

Respectfully yours,

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