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Thank you for your comments on the application of Sebree 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, 2021-00072, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2021-00072 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Regarding case #2021-00072)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the Solar Farm projects that have been approved for our rural hometown, Robards, Ky. One of the monstrosities will literally be a few feet from my backyard.

Those of us who chose to purchase property in the county, did so for many reasons. The main reason our family chose rural living was to be able to experience the views of nature – green rolling hills, sky high corn, green lush fields, less congestion and enjoyment of wildlife (from our backdoor). A place for our children to safely run free – and eventually our grandkids.

Did anyone, in the negotiations with the solar companies, give even a minute of thought to the destruction of our beautiful county? What is to happen to the opulent fields, exquisite views or extensive loss of animal habitat? One of my, and our grandkids, favorite pass times is to watch the turkeys, deer, geese, birds, and yes, even Eagles – wild and free - from our kitchen window. We keep several pair of binoculars handy for this family activities.

How about the destruction of our environment? The loss of insects, wildlife and animal habitat will cause more devastation to our environment than any oil rig next to our property. How will this – in

time – effect the health of our entire ecosystem?

We have a well. This well gives us our main water source. The farm fields are a natural filter to give us cool, clean water. Our water will be contaminated with the leaching of chemicals to kill the grass, clean the solar panels and natural leakage from the solar power collectors. This water is what our family, pets and the wildlife, left to fend for themselves – rely upon.

Now let's talk about the erosion of our property. The ditch in front of our house has not been properly maintained. Our yard is being absorbed by the ditch due to the extreme amount of water flow across the fields – after heavy rains. The farmer who made such a lucrative deal with NextEra is responsible for much of this erosion already. He, or his workers, drove their tractors across the ditch to their field. I watched this personally on many occasions. This action collapsed the walls of the ditch and it does not drain naturally to the creek.

One of our neighbors constructed a culvert across his driveway to move the water from his driveway – downhill. This enormous amount of water rushes with great force across our yards and eventually makes it to the ditch. The ditch is not able to drain to the creek. On many occasions, this has caused so much water to rush into the clogged ditch that the water covered Highway 283 by several inches – it has completely stopped all cars from being able to pass. And when the water is stagnant – mosquitos breed in multitudes!

The hills and slopes, once green, thick, and full of vegetation and life – will be destabilized. The soil decay and lack of stability - will increase the water flow and volume. The fields planted with vegetation gave us some of a deterrent for the torrential downpours. With no vegetation to absorb and divert the rainfall – the erosion of our soil will be unstoppable. Our front yard will be consumed.

We have had no one represent us, the adjacent land owners, in this proposition. The only concern was to make the farmers rich and, somehow, increase the county's bank account. Our district magistrate, Beth Moran, not once tried to contact any of us. She did not make one statement of concern during the planning meetings (according to the meeting minutes). We had no idea this was going on. We stopped getting the local paper because they stopped delivering it on our road. We stopped watching the news because of the 100% negative content.

I asked, Mrs. Moran, in a personal letter..... the same questions I asked Lina Jensen of NextEra Energy:

- How can you look at yourself in the mirror, knowing you have so greatly negatively impacted someone's life?
- How does it feel to know you've taken their joy, destroyed the beauty of nature surrounding their home, thus lessening their quality of life?
- How can you, in good conscience, purposely destroy the habitat, food source and breeding grounds of our extensive wildlife population?
- How does it feel to know that every time we look out a window or walk out of our house, we will be reminded of what has been so savagely taken from us?

Ms. Jensen answered me by saying, "It's my job"; Whose job was it to represent the land owners of Robards, Kentucky? Are the wealthy farm owners the only ones who matter?

Mrs. Moran never responded to my letter – it is obvious she has no concern for her constituents!

Please take into consideration, it is not just a few of us disgruntle county residents that are being affected – they are destroying the wildlife, picturesque views and natural beauty of our entire community for generations to come.

Is there no one to speak for us? We can't sell and move away – who would willfully purchase a piece of property with rows and rows of Solar Arrays, 7' tall chain link fences – topped with barbed wire in their backyard?

It is my hope, and prayer, someone will help us.

Respectfully,
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