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January 11, 2022

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2021-00127

Notice is given to all parties that the attached document has been filed into the record of this proceeding.

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the document, please do so withing five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Temple, Staff Attorney at heather.temple@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Bridwell, PE **Executive Director** 

Attachment

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Amy D. Cubbage Vice Chairman

**Marianne Butler** Commissioner

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

## In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF RHUDES	)	
CREEK SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF	)	CASE NO.
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 100	)	2021-00127
MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR	)	
GENERATING FACILITY AND A RELATED 138	)	
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TRANSMISSION LINE APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2		
MILES IN LENGTH IN HARDIN COUNTY,		
KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700 AND		
807 KAR 5:110		

## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT THE HARDIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE ON JANUARY 10, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M.

A public meeting was held at the Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on January 10, 2022, regarding Rhudes Creek Solar, LLC's (Rhudes Creek) application for a Certificate of Construction for a merchant electric solar generating facility. Karen Wilson, Director of Communications for the Public Service Commission, conducted the information session. She introduced the Siting Board and explained the procedure and protocol for the information session. Ms. Wilson then offered an overview of the legal basis, criteria and review process for the Siting Board's consideration of the application. The presentation included a general overview of the Rhudes Creek project by Staff Attorney Heather Temple and concluded with a public comment session. Attendees were also told how to submit a public comment in writing if they wished to do so in addition to or in lieu of a comment at the public meeting. At the conclusion of the information session, and after a brief intermission, Vice Chairman of the Siting Board, Amy Cubbage, initiated the public comment portion of the event, setting forth the procedure and protocol for the taking of comments. Vice Chairman Amy Cubbage then invited the public to make comments regarding Rhudes Creek's application. The following individuals spoke at the public meeting:

- 1. Tamara Taylor: Ms. Taylor lives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Ms. Taylor made comments regarding the reliability of solar energy and the cost.
- Trina Martin: Ms. Martin lives in Cecilia, Kentucky. Ms. Martin is a relator in the area and is concerned about the Kirkland Appraisals Report and the effect the solar project would have on property value.
- 3. Glenn Harrington: Mr. Harrington lives in Cecilia, Kentucky. Mr. Harrington is a long-time member of the Hardin County Soil Conservation Board. He is concerned about water run off from the site. He is also concerned with the depth holes that will be drilled for the support poles. He is concerned this will damage the soil quality.
- 4. Mary Yandell: Ms. Yandell lives in Louisville, Kentucky. She is concerned about the sandhill cranes that migrate through the area in the fall and spring. Ms. Yandell's concern is about the destruction of the crane's night roosting locations.
- Denise Miller: Ms. Miller lives in Cecilia, Kentucky. Ms. Miller is concerned about the wells and water supply being contaminated by heavy metals or toxins leaching from the panels.
- 6. David Miller: Mr. Miller lives in Cecilia, Kentucky. Mr. Miller is concerned regarding the covered/collapsed sinkholes that are prevalent in the area due to karst

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topography. He is concerned about the pile driving leading to more sinkholes. Finally, Mr. Miller is concerned about the potential value of farmland.

- 7. David Taul: Mr. Taul is a resident of Cecilia, Kentucky. Mr. Taul owns Taul Equipment that has supplied the owners of the leased property with farm equipment. He is concerned about the loss of revenue from the farms being used for a solar site.
- 8. Dan Feeser: Mr. Freeser is a resident of Cecilia, Kentucky. Mr. Feeser is a member of Hardin County Citizens for Responsible Solar. Mr. Feeser has concerns about many aspects of the proposed project. One particular area of concern is the re-zoning of the land by Hardin County Planning and Zoning.
- 9. Tyler Pence: Mr. Pence is a resident of Sonora, Kentucky. Mr. Pence is a waterfowl hunter in the area and is concerned about the safety of the waterfowl, specifically that the birds will believe the solar panels are water and crash.
- 10. Monty Hart: Mr. Hart is a resident of Cecilia, Kentucy. Mr. Hart's residence is located directly adject to the project site. Mr. Hart is also concerned about the sandhill cranes. Mr. Hart additionally is concerned about the property values in the area.
- 11. Eric Cook: Mr. Cook is a resident of Eastview, Kentucky. Mr. Cook expressed concern about contamination of the water supply in the area. Mr. Cook is also concerned that losing 1,000 acres of farmland will cause additional pressure on other farmers in the area.
- 12. Rosalyn Feeser: Ms. Feeser is a resident of Cecilia, Kentucky. Ms. Feeser and her family bought the property across the street from the project site approximately

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1.5 years ago. Ms. Feeser is also a member of Hardin County Citizens for Responsible Solar. Ms. Feeser noted several concerns regarding the karst topography, heavy metal leaching, and decommissioning.

- 13. Keith Taul: Mr. Taul lives in Cecilia, Kentucky. Mr. Taul owns the property across the road from the project site. Mr. Taul expressed general concerns about solar farms in the state as a whole.
- 14. Megan Taul: Ms. Taul lives in Cecilia, Kentucky. Ms. Taul recited a poem she had written about the changes the solar project will bring to the community.
- 15. Donald Sexton: Mr. Sexton lives in Cecilia, Kentucky. Mr. Sexton owns property adjacent to the solar site. Mr. Sexton has general concerns about the project and the loss of prime farmland. Mr. Sexton stated he will not lease his property.

After all those who indicated a desire to speak on the sign in sheet were called, others were given an opportunity to speak. The public meeting was then adjourned. All persons in attendance were asked, but not required to, sign in and provide their home addresses for the record. The sign-in sheet is attached hereto.

By the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting

ATTEST:

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Executive Director Public Service Commission on behalf of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting

Monday, January 10, 2022 - 5:00 PM EST \* Hardin County Cooperative Extension Office LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING: 2021-00127 Rhudes Creek Solar Public Comments Meeting 111 Opportunity Way, Elizabethtown, KY

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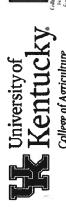
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