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June 20, 2022

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2021-00235

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 within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Justin W. Young, Staff Attorney at JustinWY@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director
On Behalf of the Siting Board

Attachment

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION
AND TRANSMISSION SITING

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF RUSSELLVILLE)	
SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CASE NO.
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY 173)	2021-00235
MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC SOLAR)	
GENERATING FACILITY IN LOGAN COUNTY,	
KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700 AND	
807 KAR 5:110	

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT THE LOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY ON June 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

A public meeting was held at the Logan County Public Library in Logan County, Kentucky, on June 15, 2022, regarding Russellville Solar LLC (Russellville Solar) application for a Certificate of Construction for a merchant electric solar generating facility. Karen Wilson, Director of Communications for the Public Service Commission, and Justin Young, Staff Attorney for the Public Service Commission, conducted the information session. They introduced the Siting Board and explained the procedure and protocol for the information session. Mr. Young 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 Russellville Solar project by Ms. Wilson 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, Chairman of the Siting Board, Ken Chandler, initiated the public comment portion of the event, setting forth the

procedure and protocol for the taking of comments. Chairman Ken Chandler then invited the public to make comments regarding Russellville Solar. The following individuals spoke at the public meeting:

1. Alicia Douglas, Resident of Russellville.
 - a. Raised concerns regarding the location of production of the solar panels and questions the efficiency of solar energy in Kentucky's climate. Ms. Douglas would also like to know what assurances there are that this won't become another failed solar project.
2. Steve Thore, Resident of Lewisburg.
 - a. Stated his agreement with Alicia Douglas's concerns and further raised concerns regarding the life cycle and disposal of the panels. He would also like to know what the effect on taxpayers in the area will be.
3. Brian Lowder, attorney for Vick Family Trust.
 - a. Read a written statement into the record. The Vicky Family trust strongly objects to the project on several grounds. Stated their objections are well documented in the case file.
4. Mark Hall, Resident of Logan County.
 - a. Stated that the best use for the land the project will occupy is farming and that the project is not economically sound. That the use and production of the panels and batteries involve toxic products that will cause environmental harm. That the sheep grazing under the panels does not negate the harm. He also believes if TVA wanted solar, they would have built it. Also raised concerns that Russellville produces a

large amount of the worlds grain and with the issues going on in Ukraine (also a large grain producer) it is all the more important to protect crop land. He states western Kentucky would be better suited for this project.

5. Connie Hall, Resident of Logan County.

- a. Stated the Solar Farm will be one field behind their property. She enjoys the view of the crop fields that the Solar Farm will destroy. She stated that once the panels are installed in will burn up the land, that the coyotes will eat the sheet, the solar farm will harm the ecosystem in the area, and the project should be placed in western Kentucky.

6. John Barns, Resident of Adairville.

- a. Stated this is not a good use of good soil. Logan county is one of the top grain producers and this project will take away the employment of the people who are hired to work this land. Taking land out of farm production will harm the entire farming economy. He would also like to know what the plans are for traffic on the local roads, what the decommissioning plan is, why this would not be located on more suitable land such as recovered strip mines or hills, who will receive the carbon credit for the project, how will the land be made tillable after decommissioning, and what are the health risks of living near a solar farm.

7. Kerry Hall, resident of Elizabethtown.

- a. Stated concerns about pollution effecting neighboring land. That the world is changing, and the focus must be on over all wellbeing of

everyone, not just a few. Believes it would be more prudent to not use prime farmland for energy production. She supports solar, but she is uncertain if this is the right place. Stated she has been approached about leasing her land for solar.

8. Janet Hall, Resident of Russellville:

- a. Stated she is alarmed by the entire project as she knows how poisonous this can be, not just for the land with the facility, but for the community around it. She knew a farmer who had a facility on their property that went belly up. Logan county was chosen because there is not a planning and zoning. A lot of these farms have prime farmland. This is the wrong thing to do.

9. Bobby More

- a. Raised questions concerning traffic studies on the local roads. Would like to know who will be responsible for repairing local roads that are damaged during construction. Is concerned that the local coyotes will eat the sheep. If it is not a done deal, why was the road paved to the site.


10. Bridget Coots, Resident of Allensville, farms in Logan County,

- a. Stated numerous objections to the project. She tendered a news article for the record which is attached below. Stated this project is already having devastating effects. Compared this project to an aluminum factory that was built on farmland in the past, stating that unlike that factory the solar farm will provide no benefits for the local community.

Further, raised concerns about the project being able to get the needed solar panels. Provided information about the grain production capability of the land intended of the project.

The Chairman then opened for floor for additional comments. When none were made, he provided the methods of which to tender additional comments into the record.

ATTEST:



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

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	Request to Speak Yes or No
13	Sheryl Speck	6671 Morgantown Rd Franklin, KY 42134	Franklin	42134	No
14	Kan Ball	1402 Cornwall Ave Elizabethton, Ky 42701	Elizabethton	42701	Yes
15	Jeff Riley	P.O. BOX 115 RUSSELLVILLE, KY		42276	NO
16	Stefan Eckmann	2613 Alpine Park Ave	Nashville, TN	37218	No
17	Raquel Dominguez	2727 Russellville Rd Bowling Green KY 42101	Bowling Green	42101	NO
18	Rob Williams	1401 Joe Harper Rd Russellville Ky. 42276	Russellville Ky	42276	No
19	Dee Dee Brown	PO Box 1678 Russellville, Ky 42276	Russellville Ky	42276	NO
20	Joe Ross	200 W. 4th St	Russellville Ky	42276	No
21	Rob Chyle	1497 TRAYLOR BARN RD	Auburn	42206	NO
22	Linda Hatter	1400 Oakville Ln, Riville	Riville	42276	NO
23	Kelsey Arnold	165 Keysburg Adams Rd Hitchcockville Ky	Hitchcockville	42204	N
24	Troy Arnold	11	11	11	11

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	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	Request to Speak Yes or No
1	Alicia Douglas	27 Ada Lane	Russellville	42276	Yes
2	Timothy Rainwaters	102 Aaron Lane	Russellville	42276	?
3	Denise Shoulters	13340 Nashville Rd	Adairville	42202	No
4	Steve Thore	1100 Thore Ln	Lancaster	42256	Yes
5	Brian Lowder	537 E. 10th Ave.	Bowling Green	42103	Yes
6	DALE Havens	549 three R		42276	no
7	Allen C Hiles	495 Dennis Court Adrian, Ky	Adrian Ky	42206	No
8	Market Center Hall	515 Marion Ave Rd	R'ville	42276	yes
9	John Mason + Gwen Barnes	122 Barnes Rd, Adairville	Adairville	42202	yes
10	Ferry D Scott	4683 Clarksville Rd Pass.	Russellville	42276	yes
11	Janet H. Hill	554 J. Montgomery Rd	R'ville	42276	yes
12	Ray Schu	176 Whippoorwill Drive	Russellville	42276	No

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25	Cynthia Moore	315 W. DORRIS MOORE DR.	Russellville	42276	no
26	Bobby Moore	" " "	" "	42276	Yes
27	Gina Brown	222 2nd Ave S. Suite 1900	Nashville	37201	NO
28	Carl Seidler	118 Coopersown Rd. Russellville Ky	Russellville	42276	No
29	Logan Chick	4931 Clarkville Rd Russellville		42276	NO
30	Jennifer Clayton	181 Browning Street ten	Lewisburg	42256	NO
31	Michelle Roberts	319 E. 2nd St.	Russellville	42276	NO
32	Marie Gamble	595 Cedar Grove Rd.	Olmstead	42265	No
33	Mark Pendley	1117 Long Rd	Bowling Green	42104	No
34	Jewell Campbell	4945 Schley K	Adairville Ky	42202	
35	Julie Campbell	7477 Keysburg Rd	Olmstead Ky	42265	NO
36	Lisa Dawson	1324 WATERMELON RD	OLMSTEAD Ky	42265	

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37	Erin Kemp	258 Kemp Ln	Olmstead	42265	No
38	Thomas Myers	5568 W Jefferson Davis Hwy	Elkton	42220	NO
39	JAY Campbell	3246 Mortimer Rd	Adairville	4202	NO
40	Jason Haper	178 Reservoir Dr	Lewisburg	42256	NO
41	Chris Douglas	27 Ada Ln	Russellville	42276	No
42	Chris Wilcutt	4585 Watermelon RD	Olmstead	42265	NO
43	Henry Duncanson	190 Birch DR:YE	Verona, Ky	40388	NO
44	Thomas Boulder	1320 Franklin Rd ^{Russellville} _{Ky 42276}	Russellville		If needed
45	Loki Boulder	1320 Franklin Rd ^{Russellville} _{Ky 42276}	Russellville	42276	NO
46	LARRY VICK	7115 Montgomery	Russellville	42276	NO
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	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	Request to Speak Yes or No
49	BOBBY DAWSON	1324 WATERMELON RD	OWNSTEAD Ky	42265	
50	Tyler R. Davenport	140 Powell Place	Russellville, Ky	42276	
51	Bridget Coats	395 Sardon Mill	Attensville	42204	Yes
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