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Subject:	RE: Dogwood Corners, Case No. 2023-00246, Comment
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Case No. 2023-00246

Thank you for your comments on the application of Dogwood Corners 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, 2023-00246, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for:</u> 2023-00246 (ky.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Whitney Westerfield Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 2:04 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Dogwood Corners, Case No. 2023-00246, Comment

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please see the attached letter offered as my public comment on Case No. 2023-00246 regarding Dogwood Corners.

Please let me know whether this was received successfully.

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Whitney Westerfield



September 29, 2023

Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Dogwood Corners, Case No. 2023-00246

I write to strongly oppose the solar facility proposed in Case No. 2023-00246. I support the continued expansion of nuclear, solar and other alternative energy sources. The less reliant our nation is on foreign energy the better. I also support property owners generally having the freedom to do with their land what they wish. But in this case, I'm troubled about the proposed solar installation causing harm, both temporary and lasting, to the property of others, my own included.

As a property owner whose land sits next door to the project, I'm deeply concerned about the project causing noise pollution, light pollution, heat, traffic (both during construction and during operations), sight pollution, harm to our area's wildlife habitats and wildlife movement patterns, and guaranteed diminished property values. I also have grave concerns about the loss of valuable farmland for at least the next 30 years, if not permanently. In short, in this case, what others choose to do with their property very much affects mine and all other adjacent landowners. In fact, as of this letter, I am not aware of *any* adjacent landowners that approve of this project.

The clear position of my neighbors from the Dogwood/Lacy Community that I've heard from, to a person, is resolute opposition to the project. I and others have asked the solar company to either relocate its project to a location that doesn't have homeowners, farmers, and hunters all around the whole project who oppose it. There are no mitigation measures sufficient to reduce the project's negative impacts on everyone around it. The company has thus far refused to look elsewhere.

In 2022, the Christian County Fiscal Court lawfully enacted an ordinance requiring, among other things, a decommissioning plan, and property setbacks consistent with existing Kentucky state law for merchant electric generating facilities (KRS Chapter 278). I feel

compelled to remind the Board that Dogwood Corners conveniently failed to disclose the ordinance existed at all in its initial letter of intent. The applicant, fully aware the duly enacted and enforceable local ordinance (which it opposes) has primacy over the Siting Board's decisions, is trying to get the Siting Board to do what Dogwood Corners/Oriden couldn't get the people on the ground in Christian County, and directly impacted by the project, to do: give it any kind of support at all.

I earnestly plead with the Board to hear the overwhelming voice of the citizens of Christian County, and specifically the people most harmed by the project, and deny the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney H. Westerfield, Esq.