

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Banjo Creek
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:42:00 AM

Case No. 2023-00263

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From: PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]; PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>
Cc: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: RE: Banjo Creek

Thank you for your comments. I am forwarding your comments to the PSC mailbox for written comments – psc.comment@ky.gov.

This mailbox is for requesting to provide comments at tonight's public comments meeting.

Thank you for contacting the Public Service Commission (PSC).



Kentucky Public Service Commission

From: Melissa Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:23 PM
To: PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>
Subject: Banjo Creek

[REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that alternative energy sources are of great importance going forward, I am sure solar farms are the best alternative but they may work in some areas. The Banjo Creek solar farm will be next to my family farm (1425 Beech Grove Rd, Farmington) with my little cousins playing outside next to the solar farm. If it is decided to go forward with installation of the solar farm in Farmington, Ky, it is essential that native, eco-friendly trees and flowers be included on the property to promote pollinators, clean air and stop erosion of the soil. Also, it must be pollinator friendly flowers. It is important to get feedback from a wildlife biologist to ensure appropriate trees and flowers. Simply hiring a landscaping company does not ensure NATIVE and APPROPRIATE trees and flowers that actually support the ecosystem.

I thank you for every consideration regarding my concerns.

Karlee Peeler,
Kentucky Peoples Choice Miss United States Agriculture
Sophomore, Graves County High School
7913 St Rt 1124, Farmington, Ky 42040

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Gammy is also administrator)

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To:
Subject: RE: Case number 00263
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:47:00 AM

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From: Deborah Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:51 PM
To: PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>
Cc: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Case number 00263

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Well, I watched the YouTube meeting. It was basically just something to appease us lowly citizens. YOU might have had some comments if the comments button had been turned on! I HAVE plenty to say, but NO one will listen and that was made known by your little virtual meeting that was supposed to be an in-person meeting. NOT only could you have found another location to have had this meeting, but as a former state employee I have travelled many times to meetings during weather like today. That is called "you being a chicken".

To say that no one wanted to speak is not only offensive to concerned citizens, it was an out and out lie. Yes, I'm mad and I have every right to be mad at people that are supposed to not only listen to what we say, but also make good decisions for the citizens of Kentucky. Political agenda does NOT belong in something that is going to affect neighbors not only now, but in yours to come.

After you cancelled a meeting 5 hours before it was to be held in-person, you scheduled a meeting virtually that was supposed to be 5 hours later, with no notice to the public, no information as to how to get on your website, nor no information as to how we were to be heard. I called your office at least 6 times today to see what needed to be done.

I must quit, because the more I type the madder I get at your comment, "No public comment".

Deborah Smith
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 4:51 PM PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov> wrote:

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From: Deborah Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 5:38 PM
To: PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>
Subject: Case number 00263

First this was scheduled as an in person meeting and it should be held at a later date as one.

Where do I begin? Do I begin with the fact that Banjo Creek LLC sent letters to farmers before March 2021 to see if they would like to lease their land for a commercial solar farm or shall I begin with the fact that it was not made public knowledge until March 2023 after 3 farmers had signed and filed these said leases with the Graves County Court Clerk? Better yet, maybe I should begin with the fact that Banjo Creek put a little ad in our local paper that stated a public meeting would be held at the Sedalia Restaurant on April 1, 2023 and only sent letters to landowners who touched the farms that had signed up.

"Owner 1 Owner2
Street
City, State Zip March 15, 2023

Dear,

We would like to invite you to attend an open house on April 1, 2023 from 2-4pm to answer any questions you may have about the proposed Banjo Creek Solar Project.

As you may know, GreenGo Energy is developing a solar farm on a portion of the Wilferd, Diel and Coltharp farms. Since your property is within 1000 feet of this land, we would like to address questions you may have.

GreenGo Energy representatives will be available meet you, show you our project and speak with you directly at the open house. The open house will be hosted at Sedalia Café, 5593 State Route 97, Mayfield KY.

Please join us for appetizers, pizza and soft drinks. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to meeting you on April 1st. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [REDACTED] or visit [REDACTED]."

This would have been fine and dandy, except that Sedalia is not the community they are putting it in and the local paper does not have a wide spread audience. Therefore, the majority of residents did not know about this meeting and in my opinion, it may have met the requirements of publication, but it was done by the least they could get by with.

Then they sent another letter to the same landowners and at the same place regarding a meeting on May 16, 2023. This meeting was canceled and they sent another letter.

"April 28, 2023

«First_» «Last» «Mailing Street» «Mailing City_», «Mailing State» «Mailing Zip»

Dear

«First_», Salutation, GreenGo Energy US, Inc would like to cordially invite you to learn more about our solar project investment in Graves County: Banjo Creek Solar LLC. Banjo Creek Solar is proposing to construct a 120 MW AC photovoltaic solar energy generator. The project will be located in the vicinity of the intersection of KY Rt 564 and Ky Rt 339 and Antioch Church Rd, south of Farmington. The coordinates are 36°38'15.9"N 88°31'44.5"W. The facility will consist in approximately 850 acres of solar panels and associated racking, inverters, battery storage, and a project substation. There are currently three local landowners under long-term leases for the development of their property for this project. At GreenGo Energy we have deep experience with developing large solar energy projects in the US and abroad. We know that for a project to be successful, close and respectful collaboration with the landowners, local community, municipality, and potential neighbors is vital. That is why we make sure to involve all parties in a transparent way before applying for a new solar farm to be established. As part of our effort to get to know our new neighbors, we are hosting a community meeting Tuesday, May 16th, at 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm at Sedalia Cafe located at 5593 KY 97, Sedalia, KY 42079. Refreshments will be provided. It is important to us that you have an opportunity to learn about the project and get to know who we are. If you can't attend, but would still like to speak with us, please reach out to us at the contacts listed below or visit our websites: Company Website: [REDACTED] Project Website: [REDACTED] We look forward to meeting you on the 16th.

Then another letter was sent to the same people. I have yet to receive any news of this because my property doesn't join.

May 11, 2023

«First_» «Last» «

Mailing Street» «Mailing City_», «Mailing State» «Mailing Zip»

Dear

«First_»,

We previously sent a certified mail letter to your residence to invite you a public meeting on May 16th. This letter is to inform you that the May 16th public meeting has been rescheduled to June 6th per the details below. GreenGo Energy US, Inc would like to cordially invite you to learn more about our solar project investment in Graves County: Banjo Creek Solar LLC. Banjo Creek Solar is proposing to construct a 120 MW AC photovoltaic solar energy generator. The project will be located in the vicinity of the intersection of KY Rt 564 and Ky Rt 339 and Antioch Church Rd, south of Farmington. The coordinates are 36°38'15.9"N 88°31'44.5"W. The facility will consist in approximately 1270 acres of solar panels and associated racking, inverters, battery storage, and a project substation. There are currently three local landowners under long-term leases for the development of their property for this project. At GreenGo Energy we have deep experience with developing large solar energy projects in the US and abroad.

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provided. In addition to the community meeting, Jonathan Flemings will be in Farmington on May 15th and 16th and would like to arrange to meet with you about the site plan at your convenience. Please let us know if there is a time that you are available. Company

Website: [REDACTED] Project

Website: [REDACTED] We look forward to seeing you either on May 15th or 16th or at the June 6th public meeting in Sedalia!

Once again only landowners and residents who bordered the leased property received any letters.

In fact, I did not learn of the proposed solar farm until July 2023 and that was after someone asked me about my thoughts. YET, one of the leased farms I can see from my home.

My complaint is that at no time did Banjo Creek let the citizens this solar farm will affect know except by minimal legal contact. Plus, to this day they continue to do so.

A meeting was held on September 12, 2023 after it was requested of the by concerned citizens of the Graves County Judge Executive, Jessie Perry. Banjo Creek did appear at this meeting, but the judge let it be known that it was his meeting and many people were not able to voice their concern.

There are many things that I am concerned about in regard to this solar farm. I do not feel enough studies have been done to determine the effect it will have on our community. Banjo Creek states in many of their papers to the board that they will have this or that study done

after approval. The time is now to have those studies done, not after approval. Approval will give them an advantage that will not be there if the studies are done beforehand.

The thing about solar is we need to be informed and gain knowledge about what are the pros and cons of an industrial solar farm.

Examples: Banjo Creek states, "The solar farm will bring upwards of \$180 million in investment and tax base into Graves County". What they don't say is how long does it take for Graves County to see that \$180,000,000? They also don't say how much Graves County will spend repairing the road damage (or others will spend repairing the damage done to their properties) that has been created by the solar farm. They also don't say where this money will be coming from or how they arrived at the amount given.

Banjo Creek also states, "Banjo Creek Solar will provide enough green, carbon-free energy to power up to 12,000 homes". They don't say where these homes are and from what I understand the power captured by these panels will be sold to TVA and who knows where TVA will use it. But I don't expect to see my electricity go down.

I'm concerned about the battery stations as everything I've read says they can catch fire. Our county has a volunteer fire department. How can I expect a person, who is a volunteer, to fight or even be around a battery fire that has the potential to be hazardous to not only them but to the people that a solar farm surrounds? Banjo Creek should be required to have their own fire company that is trained and available when a fire occurs. Never say never.

They say there will be a fence of trees around the farm. What they don't say is what size of trees they will plant and if the trees die how quickly do they replace.

They also state that 40% of the panels are made in America. Where does the 60% come from and what country is seeing that money?

I don't understand if it is such a great deal, why only 3 farmers out of the entire farmer community in our area were the only ones who signed up for the solar farm, except that they don't live next to the farm. If I was so for something, why should I care if it was in my backyard? I've been told we don't have a snowman's chance in hell of getting this stopped. We probably don't because we have no support from our local government, nor do we have any big money people backing our position.

I also want to know why every report that Banjo Creek has had done has been by people who have no knowledge of our area? We are an educated area that has companies that are capable of doing any report that would be necessary.

I have a lot that I would like to say, but given the short notice of how this meeting went from an in-person to a virtual meeting that required an email containing what you would like to say I shall be quit.

I ask my state board to greatly consider the fact that now is not the time for a decision to be made regarding this matter. Plus, another public meeting should be scheduled as there are those who were coming to the meeting, but can't go through the hoops of a virtual meeting.

Deborah H. Smith
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Farmington KY 42040



From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Graves county Ky Solar project 2023-00263
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From: Jason Garland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:33 PM
To: PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>
Cc: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Re: Graves county Ky Solar project 2023-00263

[REDACTED]

Thank you. I just learned that the case number is 2023-00263 I believe.

Jason Garland's iPhone

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On Jan 16, 2024, at 5:31 PM, PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov> wrote:

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From: Jason Garland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:29 PM
To: PSC Meeting <PSC.Meeting@ky.gov>
Subject: Graves county Ky Solar project

As a neighbor to this proposed system, I have strong concerns. I've been in the energy industry (oil and gas) for 15 years and am well aware that solar energy is not self sustaining. Without extensive government subsidies, the farms will not stand on their own. They do not produce during extreme cold weather and are not efficient during extreme heat. They have been known to alter regional climates by raising local temperatures and effective weather patterns. Killing of local and migratory birds is also an issue. We have bald eagles, hawks, owls, ducks, geese, etc., that these solar panels will be a threat to. The rare earth metals used to build these are contaminants that will pollute our groundwater and the solar panels themselves are an eye sore that will decrease our property value. It is telling that the farmers that are leading this land for this project, all but one, do not live close to the farms they are leasing. Even they don't want to look at them.

When the subsidies dry up, the fields will be left to clean up. When the solar producer goes bankrupt, the farmers will not have the means to clean and dispose of the panels. Look at the huge waste produced by wind turbines. This is no different.

Solar energy is NOT green energy. It does not help our community, and we are adamantly opposed to the farm.

Sincerely,
Jason Garland's iPhone
[REDACTED]

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
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From: Jason Garland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:39 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: 2023-00263 Graves County Solar Farm

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As more & more counties get more solar farms...here's some truth about solar farms.

From a STEPHENVILLE resident, George Franklin:

I should start by telling you what bonafides I have for writing this. I am a retired aerospace engineer. A literal rocket scientist if you will. I worked on MX (Peacekeeper) Space Shuttle, Hubble, Brilliant Pebbles, PACOSS, Space Station, MMU, B2, the Sultan of Brunei's half billion dollar private 747 with crystal showers, gold sinks and 100 dollar a yard coiffed silk carpets. I designed a satphone installation on prince Jeffrey's 757. I did all of the design work for the structure of Mark 1V propulsion module currently flying on at least 3 spacecraft that I know of. Some of the more exciting projects I have worked on are not shareable. My personal projects include a spin fishing reel with a 4.5 inch spool which is entirely my own designed, machined and assembled. It has 2 features that are patentable. A unique true flat level wind and a unique line pickup mechanism. I am also am FAA certified glider pilot and FAI certified gold glider pilot. I fly both full scale and model sailplanes. I am Microsoft certified and ComTIA A+ certified.

Solar panels are at best about 20% efficient. They convert almost 0% of the UV light that hits them. None of the visible spectrum and only some of the IR spectrum. At the same time as they are absorbing light they are absorbing heat from the sun. This absorbed heat is radiated into the adjacent atmosphere. It should be obvious what happens next. When air is warmed it rises. Even small differences in ordinary land surfaces are capable of creating powerful forces of weather like thunderstorms and tornadoes. These weather

phenomena are initiated and reinforced by land features as they are blown downwind. It is all too obvious to me what will happen with the heat generated by an entire solar farm. Solar farms will become thunderstorm and tornado incubators and magnets.

Solar panels are dark and they emit energy to the space above them when they are not being radiated. This is known as black-body radiation. Satellites flying in space use this phenomenon to cool internal components. If they didn't do this they would fry themselves.

So solar farms not only produce more heat in summer than the original land that they were installed on, but they also produce more cooling in winter, thus exacerbating weather extremes.

So I conclude with this. There is nothing green about green energy except the dirty money flowing into corrupt pockets.

There is no such thing as green energy. The science doesn't exist. The technology doesn't exist. The engineering doesn't exist. We are being pushed to save the planet with solutions that are worse than the problems.

Jason Garland's iPhone

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