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Case No. 2023-00263

Thank you for your comments on the application of Banjo Creek 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, 2023-00263, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2023-00263 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**From:** Jason Garland [REDACTED]  
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Good afternoon,

I wanted to follow back up with some additional comments from both myself and our neighbors regarding the upcoming decision before the siting board on the Banjo Creek (GreenGo) project.

After reviewing solar ordinances in many of the other counties in KY, it appears that a 1000' setback from property lines is quiet common and more of the norm than the exception. We are hopeful this will be the decision for our local community as well.

Forgive me as I was unable to capture names from the site board meeting the other day as I was driving but, here are my observations that I hope you all can recognize as at least valid points for consideration:

1. Will the solar panels be built and sourced from inside the US as part of the Biden Build American Buy American (BABA) program?
2. The real-estate expert they brought in that stated they did not foresee a positive or negative impact on local property values was a gentleman from North Carolina. NC is also where GreenGo is located. This is most likely the same real-estate agent they use for all of their projects and most likely gets a pretty good compensation for their assessment. It would make

- much more sense for a local realtor to make a determination regarding our local property value than someone from out of state that most likely has ties to the applicant.
3. The professor emeritus from U of L could not validate his assessments and stated that even after the creation of any solar farms that he has provided assessment for, he still could not ever validate his assessment due to circumstances that he could not control. So basically, he can say whatever he wants and will not be able to be held accountable for any type of prediction. What. A. job...
    - a. Any jobs created for the construction of these solar panels will be very short-term at best and will most likely be filled by transient workforce and not Graves County residents.
  4. The TVA lady stated that they are a federal agency founded on the electrification of the south. She also stated that they have to follow strict federal guidelines. Well, federal guidelines are now pushing for electrification through “green energy” (wind and solar) projects. So in other words, she is bound by the rules that they create. She also stated that she has never seen a solar project not meet their minimum requirements for acceptance. This alone should be telling. They will push for these panels because they’ll be getting a direct positive impact from them.

Virtually every witness that the applicant provided had an agenda or couldn’t validate what they testified for.

Lastly, this meeting being held in Frankfort rather than Graves County is a disservice to our local community. We need to be able to be seen and heard locally. Not 4 hours away.

We do ask that you continue to represent the residents of Graves County and uphold a 1000’ setback requirement from property lines, not residences, should this solar farm be granted permission to be built. We would also strongly ask that perimeters be maintained for the life of the project by the applicant.

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