Case No. 2024-00099

Thank you for your comments on the application of Weirs 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, 2024-00099, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2024-00099</u> (ky.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Comments: I am writing in strong support of the Weirs Creek Solar Project. As a Kentucky native and Indiana resident, I grew up immersed in farming communities, witnessing firsthand the commitment required to adapt to changing needs. The Western Kentucky I knew was "coal country," but as demand for coal declines, communities are looking toward new opportunities. My family and I want to be part of a positive shift for the future of Webster County. The Weirs Creek Solar Project provides a path toward clean, sustainable energy that will help stabilize our aging electrical grid. Waiting to invest in resources like this until after a crisis would be too late. Unlike many other developments, a solar project offers the unique benefit of land reclamation after its life cycle, a feature that coal mines or subdivisions do not provide. In researching this project, I found that the National Audubon Society, a respected authority on environmental preservation, supports photovoltaic solar power. The Weirs Creek proposal has been designed to adhere to regulatory guidelines, using panels carefully selected for their environmental and community compatibility. I know the commission is well-informed on these technical specifics, but I find reassurance in the project's commitment to sustainable practices. Concerns about the impact of heavy equipment on our roads seem overstated. During planting and harvest seasons, farming equipment regularly moves across the roads in Western Kentucky—an accepted necessity. Based on the project's plans, there is no evidence that it will require more road use than seasonal farming activity. After installation, the solar farm would not increase routine traffic; only occasional maintenance and the eventual removal of panels would involve equipment. I remember the development of a coal mine across from my grandparents' farm. Initial construction brought traffic and machinery, but afterward, the machinery left scars on the landscape that remain to this day. Unlike that experience, the Weirs Creek Solar Project won't leave such a lasting impact on the skyline or the land. I strongly encourage your support for the Weirs Creek Solar Project. This development represents an important opportunity for Western Kentucky to grow sustainably, and future generations will thank us for making this choice.

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