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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.  
**Date:** Friday, June 21, 2024 1:17:00 PM

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by ([REDACTED]) on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 12:47 PM

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Name: Alan Moorer

Address: [REDACTED]

City: LEXINGTON

State: KY

Zip Code: 40509

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: Solar is a splendid choice for ameliorating the effects of climate change; however, it is irrational to cover the best soil in America with solar panels when KY has a wealth of lesser productive and effectively ruined soil. The smart move is to pitch a plan to equity groups to finance power transmission lines from lands that were, in the past, ruined by mining.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 12:08 PM

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Name: Virginia Howard  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Lexington  
State: KY  
Zip Code: 40515  
Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]  
Home phone:

Comments: For solar farms to be created on any prime agricultural land is inappropriate. Kentucky possesses some of the finest soil on Earth, and to use it for anything other than agriculture is morally deficient in principle. Find some BAD land on which to propose solar farms, not prime land. Create solar farms where abandoned retail giants and/or abandoned factories no longer exist- where the land has already been destroyed. Don't destroy valuable ag land for the sake of convenience of location. Use some common sense here! Case number: 2024-000129

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**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Nikki Weiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2024 11:52 AM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Case No. 2024-000129

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Case No. 2024-000129. My name is Nikki Weiss, and I live across the street from the proposed solar farm at [REDACTED], Lexington, KY 40509. My phone number is [REDACTED].

My concerns are as follows:

1. Minimal energy, if any, from the proposed farm would benefit Fayette County residents, particularly the neighborhood right next to the farm who would bear the burden of any negative effects of construction and implementation. This is an environmental justice issue, where we see that benefits and harms from energy transformation are not distributed equally among the population. Instead, those who do not see any of the harms are the ones with the benefits, and those who are harmed do not see any of the benefits.
2. I visited the EKPC open house this spring and asked about their plans for cleanup in the case of environmental disaster. Though they claimed they had a plan, they could not provide details on what this plan would be, nor what kinds of funds they would place aside for use in these emergencies,

despite wind damage or tornados potentially causing toxic chemicals to leach into our groundwater if the cells are broken.

3. During the EKPC open house, they requested feedback via a form. I mailed the form that week and included my email address, which they requested by saying they would reach out to answer additional questions. It's been over a month and they never reached out to answer the questions I posed on that feedback form, which suggests they outwardly claim to value the community's feedback but don't in actuality value this feedback.

4. EKPC has not provided information on other plans they have considered for these solar panels, which suggests to me that they haven't considered less destructive plans such as placing panels over parking lots (where the soil has already been paved over).

5. The neighborhood across the street from the proposed farm already deals with noise pollution and pollution from cars and trucks and traffic on a busy road. Noise will be a factor during the long construction process, and pollution is a foregone conclusion during construction as debris get blown away by wind. Further, debris pollution won't end with construction, as crew will work on the site and maintenance needs to take place.

6. There is a paucity of research on the long term effects on the soil of the construction process and use of panels over many decades. Once the lease is up, it is entirely possible that this land will never be usable for agriculture again. Given that we likely face a climate crisis in the coming decades, it's essential to protect the farmland we have now so that it may be used for and by the generations who come after us.

7. We also don't know enough about how solar farms affect property values of neighbors. Some of the folks who live in the neighborhood across the street - my neighborhood - have owned these houses since they were built in the 1960s; many are working class - teachers and electricians - and many are retired. It's unjust to bring in a development of which they don't have any say and which may cause their livelihoods and home values to decrease.

8. EKPC tried to bring this solar farm to [Clark County in previous years](#) but local pressure pushed them out. Over 3,000 Clark County residents signed a petition declaring that this farm would not be beneficial to their community. In a statement, the Clark County Magistrate said this: "While the proposed solar developments might benefit a handful of property owners, hundreds of their neighbors would be negatively impacted. Solar produces few long-term jobs and little tax revenue." How would it be any different a few miles over in Fayette County?

9. EKPC claims there are no negative health effects of living near a solar farm, but they did not provide sources to back this up.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Best regards,  
Nikki

**Nikki (Nicole) Weiss, PhD**

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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Name: Rory Kahly

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40513

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

Comments: Property rights are important. Alternative energy sources are very important. Giving the soil a break from crops is good management. How is this wrong? It can be even better if the site could also support and harvest a product around the panels. Possibly goats, sheep, bee hives/honey, monarch habitat, etc...

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Name: Kyle Thorne  
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City: Lexington  
State: KY  
Zip Code: 40508  
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Home phone:  
Comments: I support the solar farm! It is in a good location!  
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