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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:48:00 AM

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Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:46 PM
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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 1:46 PM

Name: Cara Linse

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40504

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: I strongly oppose the approval and construction of an industrial solar farm in Fayette County. The agriculture industry and the state itself should not be suffering a permanent loss of productive land, as the building of a solar facility with its concrete bases for support will cause irreversible damage to the soil and the lands' future use for agricultural purposes. There is no "public convenience or necessity" of such a project; the case is similar in neighboring Clark County which moves to block industrial solar as the energy from these panels on Kentucky land will actually be sold and used in other mountainous states with terrain unsuitable for an industrial solar farm, whereas the damage here in the Commonwealth cannot be undone. Furthermore, there is no word in the proposition how this will financially benefit the economy or create enough local jobs for it to be a positive impact on the area. When the solar farm is of no use, is the company responsible for removing all objects including concrete and structures below ground level to restore the land? Or is it modeled after windmills found in Illinois that would remove above ground structures but concrete base to be left permanently and is not the responsibility of the company that built it? Our land is to be profited off of and destroyed without any positive economic impact on the local job market or

economy while also not looking out for the future use of the land beyond the solar farm if this passes. For these reasons, I strongly oppose the approval of a solar farm in Fayette County.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by ([REDACTED]) on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 1:51 PM

Name: Shannon Garner

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40515

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I am against any use of solar power on farmland in Fayette County. Solar power should be used in areas where the land is unusable, such as along highways. It should not be in rural areas where production of other crops/livestock can be produced.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 4:07 PM

Name: Fiona Young-Brown
Address: [REDACTED]
City: Lexington
State: KY
Zip Code: 40504

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]
Home phone:

Comments: I am all in favor of alternative forms of power and have seen very successful implementations of solar farms on farmland. HOWEVER, those successful implementations have been on farmland that can still be used for agricultural purposes in conjunction with the solar panels. For example, sheep grazing. The proposed plan here would mean that agricultural land is lost. There are better ways of implementing solar energy collection - rooftops, parking lot covers, and so on. All of these use existing structures. Please consider alternatives.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 5:14 PM

Name: Conor

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40513

Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Absolutely not, solar panels are a blight on agricultural land they are ok on roofs of buildings.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 5:16 PM

Name: Jordan Lloyd

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40505

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: I am very excited for this project. More solar and renewable power are needed for KY's growing future. I believe that this is an appropriate use for farm land in the region. Much like existing farm land, solar power and clean energy will be providing a necessary resource for community, much like the regions farms have done for generations. Solar keeps the lights on.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 6:01 PM

Name: Chris Szabo

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Courtenay

State: BC

Zip Code: V9N1E5

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I have some thoughts after drawing upon an interest in renewable energies, solar power, the transition to electricity and a lower carbon future. Also where i live the Province of BC set up the ALR in the mid 1970's to permanently keep agricultural land as agricultural. I'm sure you may receive notes from some people alleging solar power is too costly or a scam of some sort and other similar negative uninformed comments . To state solar energy " doesn't work" is categorically false, as many people and institutions have been using solar and enjoying the benefits for decades, & the technology of capturing and storing the power is improving literally every year. A family member switched to solar over 23 years go and would never go backwards to a building without it. A friend has a newer solar system for their home which generates surplus power 365 days a year, and this is in Canada too. The only question is whether or not the public will demand the locations permanently stay designated as agricultural . If so, I'd rather the acreage have solar panels than be sold off and converted into townhouses, scrap yards, fossil fuel car lots, meat packing plants, or any other use that's not agricultural or at least causes minimal interference with the ecosystem. Some places use systems which are elevated and therefore allow for plants and animals to live below the panels.

Insist on a set up like that. I don't want anything cause negative impacts on the horse industry of the state and am sure this will be an obvious goal for everyone. Whatever is decided should be based on the best scientific and "big thinking" as possible. I've visited Kentucky and would love to return within the next 2 years for a much longer visit. Preferably, Kentucky should rapidly ramp up efforts to get away from fossil fuels and take advantage of the enormous cost savings and cleaner environment that is part and parcel of modern-day solar projects. I hope everyone has a pleasant day. Thanks ! Chris

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 7:17 PM

Name: Anna

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Mcarthur

State: CA

Zip Code: 96056

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Don't do it just like the wind mills it's a huge scam.. and not good for the environment.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 10:50 PM

Name: Erika Pike

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: Ky

Zip Code: 40502

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: I would want to know more about potential impacts of these solar fields. How will they benefit Kentuckians? What are the spaces currently used for and what are potential environmental impacts? Why not put solar on existing structures rather than taking valuable agricultural land? With the small amount of information I've seen, I am opposed to this initiative.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 7:39 AM

Name: Emma Adam

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40511

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: Residential and commercial roof space not agricultural land should be used for solar power generation. Solar power is important but it must not detract acreage from agricultural use. Put it on the acres of roves we have.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 5:36 PM

Name: Redding Gober

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40517

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Fayette County is known for its lush, green rolling hills, picturesque horse farms, and expansive green spaces. Preserving the farmland that makes Fayette County special has been a focus of politicians and the public for decades. Taxpayers have contributed nearly \$100 million to preserve over 46 square miles of land through the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. Fayette County has led the nation in farmland preservation, starting in 1958 with the designation of the urban service area. Over the past 65 years, laws, ordinances, and zoning regulations have been shaped to preserve our farmland. We all know what farmland is, and it is certainly not a field of solar panels. Fayette County is nationally recognized for its farmland preservation and internationally recognized as the Horse Capital of the World. People don't travel from every corner of the globe to see fields of solar panels; they come for the horses, the farms, and the green spaces. Everyone in our community has contributed to this preservation in some way. Allowing our horse farms to become solar farms goes against everything we have built since the 1950s. I implore you to look past these plans and consider the precedent you will set by allowing our farms to be destroyed by thousands of solar panels.

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