

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 9:38:00 AM

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From: KY Public Service Commission Public Comments <psc.comment@ky.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 11:10 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 11:09 AM

Name: David Bird

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lawrenceburg

State: Kentucky

Zip Code: 40342

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Solar facilities are merchant electrical generating facilities unsuited for agricultural lands. They are unsightly, rob us permanently of land for farming and housing, and belong in areas designated heavy industry.

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From: KY Public Service Commission Public Comments <psc.comment@ky.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:54 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 9:53 AM

Name: Madeline Krentz Gober

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40502

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: Fayette County is celebrated for its beautiful rolling hills, picturesque horse farms, and expansive green landscapes. Preserving the farmland that defines Fayette County has been a priority for both leaders and residents for many years. We have invested millions into the PDR program, and have safe-guarded our green space with critical management of the urban service area. For decades, laws, ordinances, and zoning rules have been carefully implemented to safeguard our farmland. Our county's reputation hinges on this commitment to preserving farmland—not turning it into fields of solar panels. Fayette County holds an international reputation as the Horse Capital of the World. People don't travel from around the world to see solar panels; they come for the horses, the farms, and the verdant landscapes. Every member of our community has played a part in this preservation effort. Allowing our horse farms to be replaced by solar farms would undermine everything we've worked towards. I urge you to reconsider these proposals and think about the dangerous precedent that would be set by allowing our farms to be overtaken by thousands of solar panels.

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
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From: KY Public Service Commission Public Comments <psc.comment@ky.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:07 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 9:07 AM

Name: Lois Robinette

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Midway

State: KY

Zip Code: 40347

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: Our farm land is NO PLACE for these types of facilities...it is for agricultural use only. A solar facility is strictly a commercial business. The consequences to our soils as well as the beauty of our farmlands would be detrimental. Please do not allow these companies to use the farms at will.

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From: KY Public Service Commission Public Comments <psc.comment@ky.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 12:59 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 12:59 PM

Name: Yvette Hurt

Address: [REDACTED].

City: Lexington

State: Kentucky

Zip Code: 40502

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I oppose EKPC's proposal to locate an industrial solar project in Fayette County's rural service area or agricultural zone because this is not an appropriate or desirable use of our world-renowned farmland and prime soils. Solar panels can be one beneficial element of a multifaceted approach to environmentally sustainable energy production. However, solar facilities on an industrial scale need to be located in an appropriate location, such as a Brownfield or on already constructed buildings, preferably retail or industrial ones. Otherwise, the project is simply canceling out one environmentally beneficial use, and replacing it with another one and would not result in a net positive for the environment.

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From: Wonderley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 3:51 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: 2024-000129

[REDACTED]

This email is to comment on the proposed Eastern KY Power Cooperative solar project.

I am opposed to this project as a member of the public for the following reasons:

1. The central Kentucky rural farmland is unique, with extremely valuable soil and arable land.
2. Central Kentucky is home to and known throughout the world for its horse farms.
3. The proposed project would destroy the valuable rural farmland and make a despicable eyesore on the beautiful rolling countryside, which will directly impact us and future generations forever.

I grew up in Lexington and am opposed to any development of this unique area. It just makes central Kentucky like the rest of the country, with the unique countryside being whittled down bit by bit.

I visit Central Kentucky at least twice a year from Colorado and spend about \$10,000 in tourism dollars annually there.

Thank you for your consideration,
Patricia Wonderley
[REDACTED]

Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [PSC Public Comment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:53 PM

Name: Patrick Mason

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40509

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: My name is Patrick Mason, and I am a resident of Lexington, Kentucky, living less than five miles from the proposed project site. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the East Kentucky Power Cooperative's application for a solar facility in Fayette County (Case Number: 2024-00129). I strongly support the development of renewable energy sources like solar power. Transitioning to cleaner energy solutions is crucial to address climate change and ensure a sustainable future for our Commonwealth. However, it is critical to strike a balance between environmental goals and responsible land use practices. There are several concerning points to consider on the proposed solar facility's potential impact on Lexington's irreplaceable prime farmland. We have three to consider - farmland, the city's residents, and the precedent we set. The land targeted for this project is classified by the United States Department of Agriculture as "Prime Farmland," meaning it possesses the optimal combination of factors for producing high crop yields. Although this project is potentially funded by the Department of Agriculture, this is not a consideration in providing that project with monetary support. Therefore, it is incumbent on us to consider how the soil may or may not be recovered by a facility that plans to power "hundreds of

homes" for many years to come. Further, this project is not governed by local planning and zoning regulations, bypassing the wishes of Lexington residents who value this land for both agriculture and tourism purposes, making the community and region unique. This squarely prioritizes the interests of an external organization with no stake in us or our city's long-term development. Additionally, approving this project sets a worrying precedent for converting more workable farmland within city limits. Where will we draw the line? While I fully support the use of solar energy, I believe its implementation should be tailored to Lexington's specific needs. Here are some recommendations:

- A. Explore alternative locations for the solar facilities that do not involve converting productive farmland. (Brownfields, industrial areas, or rooftops could be suitable options.)
- B. Ensure the project aligns with existing and future urban growth plans for Lexington.
- C. Hold additional forums, especially with city leaders, planning experts, and the intervenors present, to gather feedback from residents and stakeholders throughout the planning process.

By prioritizing responsible land use, we can leverage the benefits of solar energy while protecting the agricultural heritage that defines our city. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Patrick

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From: Jamie J. Jacobs [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 12:41 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2024-000129



Lexington-Fayette County can support renewable energy efforts, as it has in the past, and will have many more, opportunities to do so. Solar energy does not have to come at the expense of our most limited and precious resource, our limited agricultural land and its scenic beauty. Let's look at our industrial, commercial, and certain built environments for solar projects first. Let's actually plan and zone as necessary for what is overall best for community.

Jamie Jacobs
[REDACTED]
Lexington, KY 405094-2000

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From: Lisa Fernandez [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2024 4:10 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>; planning mailbox <PlanningMailbox@lexingtonky.gov>
Subject: Case # 2024-000129

[REDACTED]

I am against a TAX-EXEMPT company, Eastern KY Power Cooperative (EKPC) and a private developer, Silicon Ranch, a Tennessee company; both proposing the use of nearly 400 and 800+ acres, respectively on soils that are considered to be PRIME farmlands. It is bad enough that the Urban Services Boundary was opened up to more expansion and already we are going to lose nearly 5,000 acres or PRIME farmland, but to allow industrial solar power development too is absolutely absurd.

Someone has to think that growth might be good, but also, with the populations changing throughout the world, do we need to lose prime farmland that can be used for agriculture? Please, someone needs to think about these important decisions and no one company should be allowed to make major changes to OUR local planning and zoning ordinances. Why can't they find a way to add it to the tops of factories, malls, etc. and not take away the farmlands that have made Lexington, KY and the surrounding bluegrass region known for farming, food sources and some of the best horses in the world.

It is bad enough that churches are already tax-exempt, but to let a TAX-EXEMPT company to take up that much acreage and neither county (Clark or Fayette) will see a dime of revenue. Just vote no. Have them go into partnerships with the large churches and all the land that they have acquired.

Southland Christian Church has large acreage and buildings. Add the solar panels to these buildings if that is possible.

As for a private company like Silicon Ranch, no industrial company should be granted the ability to make major changes to our LOCAL planning and zoning ordinances. The council opening the additional 5,000 acres to the USB has done enough damage to the farmland as it is.

So please, Planning Services Commission members and Lexington Planning Commission, please stand up for Lexington, KY and our beautiful bluegrass regions ability to have viable farmland for growing food to feed populations across the region and not abuse our beautiful landscape by allowing these two companies to take away prime farmland from all of us. Do not allow changes for the planning and zoning ordinances to allow this and forever change our beautiful landscapes.

Allow them to find a better way than using the land like the picture below from Silicon Ranch website of acres and acres of solar panels. This is not the way KY should treat our prime farmland.



Please this is urgent that you all vote NO to both companies.

Lisa Fernandez
Lexington, KY



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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Solar farm Fayette County
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From: PSC Consumer Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 7:42 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: FW: Solar farm Fayette County

From: janet marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 7:34 PM
To: PSC Consumer Inquiry <PSC.Consumer.Inquiry@ky.gov>
Subject: Solar farm Fayette County

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I would like to register a negative response to the idea of the creation of a solar farm in Fayette County - case #2024-000129. I am a supporter of solar and wind power, but I do not think establishing a solar farm on excellent agricultural land is a good use of our natural resources. I think there are better places to establish solar farms on land that is not so arable.

Janet Marshall
[REDACTED]

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