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From: Russell Brown Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 10:48 AM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Subject: Case # 2024-000129.

I am writing to comment on Case # 2024-000129. I strongly support the development of solar power in Fayette County. My only concern is that the developers of the project are required to make appropriate arrangements to remove the equipment and make the land available for other uses should the solar power plant become obsolete or no longer needed. (And we should also impose these requirements on coal mines and other energy infrastructure.)

There is apparently a concern that we conserve our farmland. However, this farmland will be of little use if we don't protect our environment from global warming. Thus, the need to develop solar energy sources should be prioritized over protecting farmland.

Russell Brown , Lexington, KY 40503

Russell Brown */

Sent from my Android powered clay tablet.

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Subject: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by 2024 at 11:44 AM

on Monday, July 8,

Name: Lydia Lorenz Address: City: Paris State: KY Zip Code: 40361 Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone: Comments: Dear Sir or Madam: I oppose the construction of a solar farm on agricultural land. There is nothing green about destroying farmland with solar panels that are made in China by manufacturing plants fueled with coal--so people can pretend to care about the environment. There is also a crisis with solar panel disposal that is headed our way and recycling them is not feasible and easy as claimed. Just like plastics, they will end up in landfills. Solar panels contain toxic materials like lead and cadmium. These could potentially leech into the soil and ground water causing contamination. According to The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)'s official projection, "large amounts of annual waste are anticipated by the early 2030s" and could total 78 million tonnes by the year 2050." Not very environmentally friendly. Placing these panels on agricultural land would destroy it, rendering the land useless. Additionally, this increases energy dependence on China since they are the ones manufacturing these panels--where there is little to no environmental regulatory standards as in the USA. Solar power is an unstable source of energy and is not even a viable power source for manufacturing. It also increases energy insecurity and poverty. It takes a 300 percent increase in power lines to distribute "renewable" and unstable solar energy and thus increases transmission costs. I guess that is why I have seen all the additional power lines on the poles down Winchester Road. These new infrastructure costs will be passed on to the consumer at a time when inflation is already causing strife for Americans. For example, these "green initiatives" were implemented in California and led to an 80 percent increase in utility bills for residents--causing \$1.6 billion dollars in taxpayer subsidies to assist residents with increased costs. Tell me, how does destroying the earth while causing additional harm to the consumer help anything? Also, California has an issue with blackouts since solar and wind are unreliable! If agricultural land keeps being developed, and contaminated----then how will people eat? Where will animals in nature live? Destroying prime agricultural land and culling trees for these installations causes the ground temperatures to rise and leads to the permanent loss of natural habitats and rich soils. These projects do nothing for the environment nor the populace, they only enrich organizations who receive government subsidies for these projects. Kentucky is an agricultural state, and if the land is destroyed all that will be left is a dystopian wasteland. Kentucky needs leadership who will protect the land and its citizens from greedy and unethical land grabs. Have you researched what is happening in other states and how these projects are destroying the environment? The only good I see from this is that communities are uniting to stop these projects. It's happening all over the USA. \

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From: Lauranne Williams Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 1:28 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Cc: Subject: Proposed Solar "Farm" on Winchester Road

It was disheartening to read of a proposed solar "farm" on Winchester Rd. especially after suffering through the massive destruction, also known as development, in Lexington. After reading the Lexington Herald-Leader article, "Lexington Must Say No to Solar Development on Farmland, Say Yes to Better Alternatives" by Carolyn Plumler I agree with her belief that the remaining very special farmland surrounding the city should be preserved for future generations.

She does make a good point about the hospital complex on Polo Club. Why isn't there one solar panel to be found on these buildings? Why aren't stores being required to install energy efficient solar panels on their buildings? Just blanketing the stores in Hamburg alone would cover just about the same area as the proposed wasteland, I mean development. After the devastating hit that property owners took after the PSC allowed American Water a 33 percent increase in our bills, I do not expect this commission to do anything but bow to the developers and approve the project. Just one more nail in the coffin of what used to be a lovely, vibrant city. Go ahead and add even more ugliness to this area because it is apparent the only people listened to utility companies and developers, no matter what they pander. My water does not taste any better and I hope this is the last utility increase for this area for a while. My bill went up over \$15 a month with no increase in water usage. Thanks for making living here even more affordable. Disappointed and overstretched resident,

Lauranne L. Williams

PSC Public Comment

From: To: Subject: Date:

RE: East Ky Power Coop. Proposed Industrial-scale Solar Farm and Silicon Ranch Proposed Solar Farm Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:52:00 AM

Case No. 2024-00129

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From:

Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 5:29 PM

To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: East Ky Power Coop. Proposed Industrial-scale Solar Farm and Silicon Ranch Proposed Solar Farm



Dear Commission Members:

When I read about these proposed developments in the Lexington Herald Leader a few weeks ago I became enraged. We cannot allow our precious resource (fertile farmland) to be swallowed up by greed. Common sense has to outweigh this corporate greed. 1200 acres of precious farmland cannot be replaced. With our government allowing the Communist Chinese Party to buy up millions of acres of farmland and the solar farms springing up everywhere, who is going to feed our nation.

Our local governing bodies must ensure that the local planning and zoning policies regulate these solar projects to protect our fertile farmland by making sure these solar projects are placed in industrial-zoned areas and commercial areas.

I am requesting that each of you on the PSC vote against these proposals.

Our agriculture economy and our identity depend on it.

Sincerely,

Terrell W. Holt

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From: KY Public Service Commission Public Comments <psc.comment@ky.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 9:30 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 on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 9:29 AM

Name: Sue michael
Address:
City: Lexington
State: Kentucky
Zip Code: 40513
Phone number where you can be reached:
Home phone:
Comments: I thick we should build solar into our existing infrastructure and not us farm land. What a waste of good land. There are so many places to put solar!

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by 2024 at 11:32 AM on Tuesday, July 9,

Name: Travis Bond Address: City: Lexington State: Kentucky Zip Code: 40509 Phone number where you can be reached: Home phone: Comments: This is a total waste of hard working tax payer money. This alternative energy source has huge impact to the beautiful bluegrass land and scenery. The ROI, continuously maintenance cost and the large amount needed to become beneficial will destroy the land that I love.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Name: Joe Address: City: Lexington State: KY Zip Code: 40515 Phone number where you can be reached: Home phone: Comments: This waste of good farmland for solar cells that have a very low efficency level and chemicals in them that are forever harmful if they leak is only a political stunt so the company of

chemicals in them that are forever harmful if they leak is only a political stunt so the company that makes them can get government funds so they can put more in the Biden coffers. I am an Electrical Engineer and I did a study on solar cells and found the very inefficent as so are the stupid windmills. Here we have very good farmland and you want to destroy it while you could very easily put this trash on your buildings and government. This is trash! i

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From: Tara McGuire Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 9:22 PM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Cc: Subject: Case No. 2024-000129

As a Fayette County resident of 22 years and District 2 residential property owner, I am disappointed to learn Lexington's agricultural land is being considered for an in ground solar farm when other space on urban buildings is available. This agricultural land should be kept for better use to benefit Lexington's future and not to take away scare farm land outside the LFUCG urban services boundary. I live and work in this city - this is my home, and the land being considered should not be used for commercial, non-profit or government funded use as an in-ground solar farm.

Please do not allow this project on any agricultural land in Fayette County Lexington. Space on buildings, rooftops and parking lots as used in other urban areas are WIDELY available, and should be utilized in urban areas to expand renewable solar energy resources.

Tara McGuire Lexington, KY 40511

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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 July 10, 2024 at 8:55 AM

on Wednesday,

Name: Abigail Stephens Address: City: Lexington State: Kentucky Zip Code: 40508 Phone number where you can be reached: Home phone: Comments: I fully support the construction of solar panel facilities in Fayette County. We need ways to generate power that have a lower impact on the environment and are less likely to contribute towards climate change. Please approve these projects as soon as possible.

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From: Arturo Alonzo Sandoval
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 11:58 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Save agricultural land from solar panels invasion

To whom it may concern,

Please do not use solar panels on good agricultural land in Fayette county. And please, do not change zoning laws so that solar panels can be put on good agricultural land in Fayette county.

Arturo Alonzo Sandoval, resident of Fayette, County Sent from my iPhone

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted byon Wednesday, July 10,2024 at 2:16 PM

Name: Nick Lyell Address: City: Lexington State: KY Zip Code: 40502 Phone number where you can be reached: Home phone: Comments: I'm writing to strongly support the two proposed solar developments near Winchester Road in Lexington. This is a great way to create more electricity closer to Lexington, increase renewable infrastructure, and put underutilized land just outside Lexington to use for tens of thousands instead of the dozen owners of horse-farms. The Fayette Alliance is utilizing tried-andtrue climate-denier tactics of "needing more research", while NIMBY-ing much-needed infrastructure to diminish our dependence on coal-electric generation. They are acting in bad-faith, and are leveraging their deep pockets to build a grass-tops campaign to protect their property values, their only real concern.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by 10, 2024 at 2:21 PM

on Wednesday, July

Name: Paul Oliva Address: City: Lexington State: KY Zip Code: 40515 Phone number where you can be reached: Home phone: Comments: I support the proposed solar project.

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Name: Carroll Carmickle Address: City: Versailles State: KY Zip Code: 40383 Phone number where you can be reached:

Home phone:

Comments: Please deny this action. The land that they seek to use is literally the rarest soil in the world. It's so rich that in many places it could be used as fertilizer. This is PRIME FARMLAND, not just in my opinion, but that of the USDA. Furthermore, the benefit of this solar farm to the people in the Lexington area or Kentucky generally is very low for what we lose. If they want to build a solar farm, do it in Eastern KY on the reclaimed mine land. If COVID taught us nothing else, we should have learned that we have to be able to feed our people from locally grown products. Continuously taking farms out of production will prove to be an exceptionally bad idea one day. Also, these solar farms are not "green" at all. They destroy the land, ecosystem, soil and add heat to the area. In addition, tourism dollars bring in a lot money to KY. They don't come here to see solar panels, strip malls, houses, and factories that are never fully staffed. PLEASE STOP DESTROYING FARMLAND.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by on We 10, 2024 at 2:50 PM

on Wednesday, July

Name: Rachel LeComte Address: City: Lexington State: KY Zip Code: 40205 Phone number where you can be reached: Home phone:

Comments: As a resident of Lexington, I strongly support EKPC and Silicon Ranch solar farm projects. I believe this will make Lexington more climate resilient, and appealing to young people like me. Coal power is increasingly expensive and this project would alleviate some of the strain from the cost of living via our energy bills. This project would also make us more independent as a municipality. I do not believe that these solar farms will take away from the agriculture infrastructure around Lexington. In fact, it will make energy cheaper for food production and open up the possibility for smaller herd animals such as sheep and goats to graze on solar farm land. Solar Power will make Lexington stronger and more appealing to young, increasingly environmentally conscious, talent.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 4:32 PM

Name: Linda S Boyd Address: City: Lexington State: KY Zip Code: 40511 Phone number where you can be reached: Home phone: Comments: I have always believed in Solar Power, but I disagree strongly in taking up Prime Farmland instead of using rooftops, parking canopies, etc. With the predicted future shortage of food supply, why would you take away the resource to feed the masses? Please be smart. I'm sure commercial properties would share their rooftops especially if they benefited with reduced electric bills. Car owners would love to be able to park their car in the shade provided by a canopy that a

solar panel was on top of. Again, BE SMART!

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