

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Public Comment in Case #2024-00129  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024 2:46:00 PM

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**From:** Nancy Crewe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:26 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment in Case #2024-00129



Dear Commissioners

EKPC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Case #2024-00129

I am a Blue Grass Energy member who lives in rural Madison County, and I am emailing in support of this proposal. As a cooperative member-owner, I want to see my utility invest in clean, renewable energy, not more fossil fuels. This project is an example of community-owned solar, not industrial solar, which I do not support, and it will be a low-cost way for rural Kentuckians like me and my neighbors to get more clean, renewable energy onto the grid. I am also looking forward to participating in the New ERA mandated community engagement process to ensure that the project is designed, implemented, and decommissioned using sustainability best practices to minimize the impact on the future use of the land.

Thanks for taking my comments into consideration.

Nancy M. Crewe  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Richmond, KY 40475

Sincerely,  
Nancy Crewe



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October 28, 2024

Mark C. Ritter

[REDACTED]  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Re: Comment for Case #2024-00129**

My name is Mark Ritter. I am a resident of Franklin county. My statement is in support of the East Kentucky Power Cooperative solar project. The opposition by Fayette Alliance over preserving farmland is misguided. A utility scale solar project can preserve farmland by allowing soil to rest from agricultural production. The project also eliminates the threat of expanding permanent urbanization. A more interesting option is to incorporate farming with a utility scale solar energy project creating dual use acreage.

This is called Agrivoltaics where a utility scale solar project includes livestock, apiculture, crop production or pollinator habitat, under the solar panels. The following links explain how farming and solar energy production have achieved successful agrivoltaics programs. These programs are well established and in use around the world.

<https://youtu.be/RbemtX4g5Rc> **How "solar grazing" is creating a new industry**

<https://youtu.be/lgZBlD-TCFE?t=37> **Solar Panels Plus Farming? Agrivoltaics Explained**

The EKPC project provides central Kentucky the opportunity to provide renewable energy to homes and businesses. An agrivoltaics project in conjunction with solar energy is an alternative to turning central Kentucky farmland into a gravel lot. If the Fayette Alliance is truly motivated by preserving farmland, then Agrivoltaics is the solution to their concern. EKPC should make this project a showcase for renewable energy.

Please approve the EKPC project to give Kentucky a secure future.

Sincerely,

*Mark C. Ritter*

Mark C. Ritter

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**From:** PSC Meeting <[PSC.Meeting@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Meeting@ky.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024 9:45 AM  
**To:** Mark Ritter [REDACTED]; PSC Meeting <[PSC.Meeting@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Meeting@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Comment for Case #2024-00129 EKPC

Mr. Ritter,

Thank you for contacting the Public Service Commission (PSC). Your email and attachment have been forward to the PSC mailbox for written comments located at [psc.comment@ky.gov](mailto:psc.comment@ky.gov).

Thank you and have a great day.



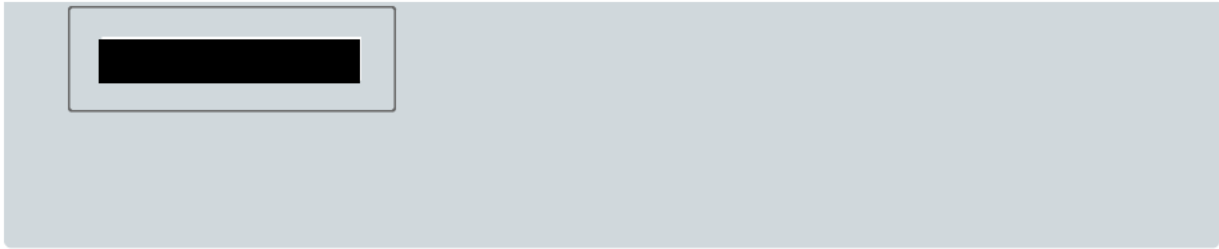
**Kentucky Public Service Commission**

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**From:** Mark Ritter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2024 8:41 PM  
**To:** PSC Meeting <[PSC.Meeting@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Meeting@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** Comment for Case #2024-00129 EKPC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601**

**Please accept my comment into the record.**

Sincerely,

Mark C. Ritter



**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 2024-000129 case # Solar Panels  
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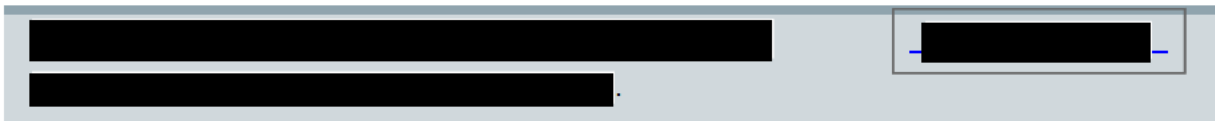
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**From:** Billy Marshall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2024 7:46 AM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** 2024-000129 case # Solar Panels



My name is Billy Marshall and my wife and I live at [REDACTED] in Lexington directly across the street from this proposed monstrosity. We ask that you deny this installation as it would be detrimental in so many ways for this area. Do not let them destroy our beautiful area and cause lifelong problems to the surrounding neighborhood

Regards

Billy Marshall  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**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:** Monday, October 28, 2024 6:32 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 Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:32 PM

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Name: Joanne Haye

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Paris

State: Kentucky

Zip Code: 40361

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: Good Afternoon, I would like to express my support of the proposed application. I have read the information presented by Fayette Alliance and wish to express my humble opinion that they missed the mark, this project is very important and must go forward. Yes, it will be on prime farm land, but if we don't move NOW, we will continue to suffer from climate change and the most vulnerable communities will suffer the most. Thank you for your time, Joanne Haye

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**From:** James Gash [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2024 4:54 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment in Case #2024-00129

Dear Commissioners

EKPC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Case #2024-00129

As a grandfather I would like to do everything possible to avoid a global climate catastrophe in my granddaughter's lifetime...a condition we are certainly headed for if we don't find cleaner ways to use this world. I see no better clean solution to our electricity needs than Solar. I have rooftop solar myself that provides 110% of my family's needs here on the farm and have grown quite familiar with that technology. I'd like to see more and more rooftops covered with solar panels, and more of the general demand in Ky provided by larger scale solar. I'd also like to see PSC return to their earlier program of a 1 for 1 exchange rate for Net Metering (delivered vs received) as that will result in more homeowner utilization of Net Metered solar systems.

Solar gets better and better, year after year. PSC needs to keep up and encourage more solar in every possible venue, especially distributive. I'd actually like to see medium sized commercial arrays incentivized and going up on family farms all over the countryside. That would buoy up our sagging farm economy while keeping energy production as local as possible. And retain that money within the community. Farmers have been bundling sunshine into valuable products for human use since the first seed was planted. We can do the same with electrons energized by the sun.

You have a lot of power in your grasp with these decisions. For my sweet granddaughter's sake, and



all those others in her generation, do the right thing here. Embrace solar like our lives depend on it. They, in fact, do.

Sincerely,  
James Gash



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**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**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:** Monday, October 28, 2024 3:58 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 Monday, October 28, 2024 at 3:58 PM

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Name: Darryl Baker

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: Kentucky

Zip Code: 40515

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: As a citizen and resident of Fayette County, I am opposed using our prime farmland for solar production. In addition, the proposal provides few jobs, minimal tax revenue and, more importantly, only 2% energy benefit to a Fayette County. Fayette County has numerous rooftops, parking lots and industrial area to place solar panels without endangering agricultural farmland. If used, it should primarily benefit Fayette County. I am therefore opposed to East Kentucky Power Cooperative solar proposal.

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Dear Commissioners

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I am writing to express my support for EKPC's proposed solar projects in Fayette and Marion County. I work for Earth Tools Inc. in Owen County and we are customers of Owen Electric Cooperative, an EKPC member. These solar projects are in the best interest of Cooperative members (ratepayers). Solar power is now the lowest cost energy source, so bringing more solar onto EKPC's system should reduce upward pressure on rates for all ratepayers. Additionally, as a member of PJM, EKPC is subject to peak demand charges for energy imported from PJM. Building solar generation on EKPC's system should reduce their peak demand, again lowering costs for all customers. Local renewable energy production will also improve the reliability and resilience of EKPC's grid.

While I support EKPC's solar proposals, I also want these projects to use practices that protect and enhance the agricultural and ecological features of their sites, including the use of regenerative agriculture, landscape management such as sheep grazing, planting native and pollinator species. The development should minimize practices that cause heavy impacts (i.e. access roads) and avoid pavement and extensive use of gravel or concrete. I also wish EKPC to follow best practices for engaging with the local community, to provide fair contract terms to the leaseholders, listen to local

concerns, and provide community benefits agreements. A good decommissioning plan should ensure that the land can be returned to agriculture when the project is retired decades from now.

I commend EKPC for proposing these projects and hope to see more of such projects in the future, as well as greater investment in distributed energy resources and energy efficiency.

Sincerely,  
Andrew McDonald

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