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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00129 - East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Date: Monday, November 25, 2024 2:13:00 PM

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Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 10:31 AM
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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 10:31 AM

Name: Karole Northrup

Address: [REDACTED].

City: Georgetown

State: KY

Zip Code: 40324

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: Solar panel farms are NOT the best use for land zoned as agricultural. This makes the surrounding areas property values go down and they aren't very attractive to look at it. Please DO NOT ALLOW this CALIFORNIA company invade the bluegrass state and what it is known for which is horses and bluegrass! Keep the commercial out of the agriculture. Thank you.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 11:55 AM

Name: Billy Justice
Address: [REDACTED]
City: Lexington
State: Ky
Zip Code: 40508
Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]
Home phone:
Comments: I strongly oppose East Ky Coop solar request in Fayette County

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Friday, November 22, 2024 at 10:45 PM

Name: Lorraine Garkovich

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Versailles

State: KY

Zip Code: 40383

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: I am encouraging a negative review of the application of East KY Power Cooperative to build and operate a 387acre industrial development in the Agricultural-Rural Zone on Winchester Rd. in Fayette County. Prime farmland soils are the foundation of a major component of Kentucky's economic wealth. More critically, prime farm land, IS a limited commodity. Unlike other assets that can be produced, the supply of agriculturally productive land is fixed. It cannot be manufactured or replicated. Once agricultural land is developed, its natural productivity is lost and cannot be restored. This inherent scarcity bestows farm lands with a unique and irreplaceable value. There are many important reasons to preserve farmland: •Farmland is a finite natural resource because areas with prime agricultural soils are limited. •Agriculture is an important part of our KY economy - with a substantial market value; it provides jobs (not just on farms, but also in related industries), and it attracts tourists for its scenic character. •Growing food locally helps to meet sustainable development goals. •There are intangible benefits associated with farmland, including aesthetics, open space, a sense of place, heritage and lifestyle. •Farmland offers environmental benefits, including wildlife habitat; improved air and water quality; groundwater recharge; and green space.

But most critically, as climate patterns shift the "American breadbasket," Kentucky has been identified as a place that in coming decades will have substantial advantages in rainfall, temperature, and the availability of prime soils to intensify its agricultural production to meet national food needs. But this will not happen if we continue to destroy the productivity of prime soils with massive industrial developments. What is being proposed is an irreversible destruction of the natural capacity of these 387 acres to support agricultural production. While there is a growing body of research on the prospects for agrivoltaics (solar production designed to ensure continued agricultural production, the early studies suggest success depends on building in the needs of both agricultural and electrical production from the start. What is being proposed here is a conventional solar industrial installation with no pretense of maintaining soil fertility. As a state, we face a choice of critical importance. Do we commit to protecting our scarce and irreplaceable prime soils for the economic and feed production benefits they offer for generations to come? Or do we bulldoze that future with a quick but flawed fix to our energy needs? Lorraine Garkovich

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 8:38 PM

Name: Rivers
Address: [REDACTED]
City: Lexington
State: Kentucky
Zip Code: 40502
Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]
Home phone: [REDACTED]

Comments: I fully support the solar farm activities East KY Power Coop proposes. Although this development occurs in what some call "prime farmland", this is really just a misnomer for horse farms and their extremely rich owners. KY and surrounding areas need new forms of energy generation. And this greatly exceeds the revenue these individual horse farmers provide to residents.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 11:40 PM

Name: Phyllis Robinson Hasbrouck

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Lexington

State: KY

Zip Code: 40502

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: A great big NO to covering our farm land with solar units.....We have no idea what these units will do to the land.

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Public Comments for Case 2024-00129 submitted by [REDACTED] on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 11:52 AM

Name: Dorothy C Cordray

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Midway

State: KY

Zip Code: 40347

Phone number where you can be reached: [REDACTED]

Home phone:

Comments: Solar is NOT appropriate on farmland properties. They should be sited instead on reclaimed land mine sites in Ky which are not suitable for farming.

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