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Kentucky State Board on Electrical Generation

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Re: Wood Duck Solar Project

Case # - 2024 – 00337

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is being written out of deep concern for the future of Barren County in the south-central section of our great state. The Geenex Corporation has proposed to build a solar generation facility that involves around twelve scattered sites over 2,300 acres. The Wood Duck Project, as it is known, will involve the area of Bon Ayr, Park City, Merry Oaks, and Railton communities of Barren County.

Having lived on the family farm of my wife for the past 45 years and understanding the enormous effects this project can have on this fifth generation property, I must oppose the Wood Duck Project. I must also ask this Board to say NO to Geenex and to those who wish to see it completed. It will not be beneficial to the over-whelming majority of the residents of Barren County.

There are several reasons I am opposed to the Wood Duck Project. The impact on the environment must definitely be considered. There are large sections of trees already being removed by individual participants and many more will need to be removed for completion of the project. We live across the road from what is said to be seventy-seven acres of projected panels. The run-off from this farm will have a direct route to Mammoth Cave in two ways. First, the water that makes it way across the road and into the creek that begins just across the road and runs the entire length of our 180 acres empties into a massive sink hole that empties into Mammoth Cave. There is also an underground water system that runs under a field also directly across the road from the seventy-seven acres, that I understand makes its way into the Mammoth Cave Water System. I understand that in other areas where solar farms are located it is not unusual to see trees die from a variety of factors.

Secondly, I am opposed to the project because of the economic impact on farms, houses, and other structures in the affected area. Yes, those who own the sites on which the solar farms will be built will become wealthy, but those not participating in the solar project will see their homes and farms lose a great deal of their value. Anyway, who wants to buy and live in a house surrounded by solar panels with its constant hum.

There will also be an impact upon the wildlife of the area. Wildlife will leave because of the increase in temperature caused by the solar farms and the constant hum. We have spent many years in trying to increase the numbers of deer, turkeys, rabbits, squirrels and other species of animals on our property. If the Wood Duck project is completed, these species of animals will move to other areas of the county or to adjoining counties. This would be a shame.

Fourthly, there is a great concern for the health of those living in the affected areas, especially the elderly and the chronically ill. I know they will say that the EMF's will not bother these people. They may not bother a young healthy individual, but what about someone who has a chronic auto-immune disease. No studies have been done on these individuals that has been published. This alone should concern all involved. Is the increased wealth obtained by some a priority over the life of another. Who will have to sacrifice their life so that another can move their family to Florida and enjoy a life of ease. I believe this has been indicated by one individual who will gain thousands and thousands of dollars by their participation.

Lastly, this whole project is surrounded in secrecy. It was approved locally without any public hearings. The owners of the proposed tracks have been sworn to secrecy by Geenex and must not talk about the project to anyone. This is disturbing. No one seems to want to say who will own the Wood Duck project once Geenex has completed it. This is also disturbing.

This project is just simply wrong. Please say no to the Wood Duck Project In Barren County. You will be doing this county and our state a great favor.

Thank You.

Sincerely,



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