

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2024-00337
Response Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Thank you for your comments. Your comments in the above referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2024-00337 in any further correspondence.

The documents in this case are available at: [View Case Filings for: 2024-00337 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Received through Public Comments

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

From: Ryan Vaught
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Comments:

My wife and I have been married for 13 years and, over that time, have been growing our family and working toward a dream we've long shared—to raise our children in a peaceful, rural setting surrounded by nature, with enough land to keep chickens and other small farm animals. Over the first four years of our marriage, we had three children, and in the years since, we've adopted two more. We are preparing to welcome a sixth child through adoption this October.

In November of 2023, we finally realized that dream when we moved to our current home in the country. We were drawn to the beautiful scenery, quiet environment, and the sense of community among neighbors who also value this way of life. When we moved here, we had no knowledge of Project Wood Duck and did not hear about it until several months ago.

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed solar farm. The construction and operation of this project will have a profoundly negative impact on the landscape, the environment, and the quality of life for our family and many others in this community. One of the most compelling aspects of living here is the natural beauty—and the peace—it offers. A large industrial solar installation would destroy those very qualities.

This project would also directly impact local farms—ours and those of our neighbors. Additionally, Mammoth Cave has raised valid concerns about how the project will affect local ecosystems and the animals that inhabit them.

Beyond environmental and visual concerns, the economic implications are deeply troubling. Property values in the area will likely decline due to proximity to the solar farm, and the increased property taxes could be devastating for families like ours. In today's housing market, it was already difficult to find an affordable, suitable home for our large family. This project puts that stability at risk.

Perhaps most troubling is the lack of community engagement in the approval process. At no point have our voices—or the voices of many other residents—been genuinely considered. It feels as if this project is being pushed forward with little regard for those who actually live here,

and with potential financial gain for a select few in positions of influence.

This is why we are submitting this public comment. We urge you to reconsider Project Wood Duck and stand with the residents who call this community home. Approval of this project would send a clear message that the concerns, values, and livelihoods of the people in this area are not a priority. We hope that is not the case.

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