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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am writing to you today regarding Lost City Renewables LLC (case number 2024-00406). Since this 1,425 acre industrial solar complex would be located in residential, forested, and agricultural areas, it would have detrimental effects on both area residents and animal habitats.

The area proposed for the 1,425 acre industrial solar complex is highly residential, with a few areas containing at least one structure per acre, plus multiple other residences. Dunmor/Penrod residents have invested in their properties, sacrificing amenities that larger cities boast (like restaurants and shopping) in order to live a rural lifestyle. Essentially, a large industrial project of this size threatens the integrity of these two rural communities, transforming them into little more than industrial sites that residents are forced to live *inside of*.


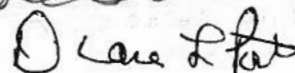
What is more, such a project could also negatively impact property values. Many Dunmor/Penrod residents have invested in their property for years, both monetarily and by conducting improvement projects on their own. Since large-scale solar complexes have been linked to reduced property values, such a project impacts residents' way of life and should they decide to sell, their monetary assets. Indeed, some Dunmor/Penrod residents have been questioned about the project by individuals who were looking to purchase land in the area. These individuals stated that, if such a project were to be implemented, they would be unwilling to move to the region. Instances like these are first-hand accounts that vouch for the impacts to properties and their resale values.

Additionally, this project as proposed by "Lost City Renewables," would be harmful to the area's wildlife. Dunmor/Penrod features a diverse ecosystem, with animals like coyotes, foxes, deer, eagles, and many other wildlife thriving in the community. Since this 1,425 acre project would remove at least 1,000 acres of hardwood forests--forests that play host to these animals--this solar complex would cause untold damage to wildlife habitats and completely alter their current feeding and migration patterns. What is more, these 1,000 acres of forests encompass numerous hills, hills that the company says would be graded. The grading of these hills would also change the land for all wildlife (even smaller creatures), plus potentially create water run-off issues for individuals residing nearby.

I strongly oppose a project of this size on residential, agricultural, and forested lands, and I encourage the PSC to seriously consider the various negative impacts of such a project as Lost City Renewables is proposing for Dunmor/Penrod.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Best,

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