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The Siting Board

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Dear Siting Board Members,

I am writing in regard to a proposed solar project in South Muhlenberg county by Lost City Renewables LLC. The case number is 2024-00406.

I border the property of the proposed solar farm site in Dunmor and have many concerns about this project:

- 1) A major concern is water runoff. Our property has a stream that runs through it and eventually empties into Mud River. This is concerning in two ways: The wildlife in this area drink from this stream and if the topography is changed, as is proposed, then this stream will become contaminated impacting not only drinking water for wildlife but also eventually runs into drinking water for human consumption.**
- 2) The change in topography of our rolling hills, including tree removal of much forested areas, will also cause erosion and flooding to adjoining properties and vegetation removal that the wildlife consume. Unfortunately, Muhlenberg County does not have any ordinances regulating solar corporations.**

A town meeting was held between Lost City LLC and the citizens of Penrod and Dunmor on October 29, 2024. Much to my surprise, I learned our land adjoins the proposed site of 1300 acres. I raised several questions about the ramifications and any real data that could be provided about our specific area including safety of the residents, water runoff, road damage, impacts on the many wildlife that this area supports and the impact of our loss of property value. No one had answers supported by data for our specific area.

I am nearing retirement and have put much money and sweat equity into this property. We also hunt and fish and was a major reason that we bought this property along with the quietness and beauty of this area. We desperately need a 2000 foot setback to protect ours and all other adjoining properties.

A solution that would benefit the entire county would be to locate a solar project like this one on abandoned coal mine areas that are unfit for wildlife or for the building of homes. The county has thousands of acres of these reclaimed lands that are much more suitable for this large scale solar project. Using this property instead of the Dunmor and Penrod neighborhoods would help us preserve the use and quiet enjoyment of our homes.

We were promised a second meeting with the LLC but to date, that meeting has not been held. I have asked for real environmental data for our area but that request has neither been answered.

On December 25, the LLC filed to cover 125 more acres of plastic panels than they announced in the public meeting on December 29, 2024. This raises their total proposal to 1,425 acres. The former amount of 1300 acres is still proposed on their website.

Lost City Renewables LLC has never before completed a project like this. They have not kept their word about providing another public meeting. They are not providing any environmental studies. They claim in their literature that property values will increase. They claim that no neighborhoods are within 2,000 feet of the project. They cannot be trusted. I hope you will vote 'NO' on granting a permit for Lost City Renewables to begin construction.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my complaints and concerns.

Sincerely,



Lisa Johnson

