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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00406 - Lost City Renewables LLC
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Case No. 2024-00406

Thank you for your comments on the application of Lost City Renewables LLC. 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, 2024-00406 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2024-00406 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Comments: My name is Erin Groves and I live in Penrod on 45 acers. While I support the concept of renewable energy, the potential negative impacts on our environment, community, property values, and overall quality of life cannot be ignored. I believe there are better places this solar complex could be located besides, viable farmland and forest in the Dunmor / Penrod area. To make this project happen, forest will be bulldozed down, habitats and viable farmland destroyed, and the topography of the land will be drastically changed, thereby altering the draining from streams, creeks, and runoff. Additionally, despite claims of increased property values with solar installations, there is growing evidence that large-scale solar panel arrays in close proximity could actually

decrease property values. We have worked hard to be able to purchase our property and we continue to work each year to make positive improvements on our property. With the instillation of the solar farm, we now stand to lose potential property value in our land. In addition to neighboring property values, this potential puts our water ways at risk and while solar panels themselves do not directly pollute water, the construction and operation of solar farms can impact waterways along with our local wildlife. Interestingly enough, the contract with the land owners was recently amended to contain language and compensation for "diminution of values" and a "negotiated value for loss of use and quiet enjoyment" which indicates that both Lost City Renewables and the property owners realize there will be a loss of property value and it will reduce the "enjoyment" of their property. However, when neighboring landowners mention the same issues for themselves, all claims are denied with claims that property values will not be affected and that the property itself will be boarded with fencing and trees. We purchased our property mostly to the number of acres with forest as we harvest from the land to feed our family. I fear with the instillation of the solar farm it will decrease the number of wildlife that has access to our property and reducing our abilities to hunt and harvest from our land. In addition, Lost City Renewables is not adhering to the KRS 278.704 guideline for a 1,000-foot setback from property boundaries and a 2,000-foot setback from residential properties. They are proposing only a 50-foot set back. This threatens safety, privacy, and well-being of nearby homeowners. There are also concerns regarding the potential for noise, shadowing, glaring, and maintenance issues associated with solar panel installations. In addition to basic maintenance issues there are concerns of damage due to hailstorms, tornados or fire that may damage or destroy the solar complex. There must be regulations in place that will require the company to be responsible in the event something like this should occur. Our local emergency services lack the training and equipment needed to manage should an incident occur. Lost City Renewables continues put out changing and inconsistent information about the number acres, number of jobs and while they have said they will provide studies they have had done, they have yet to provide them after multiple requests. Lost City Renewables has yet to ever complete a solar project and their website was not even up and running until a few weeks after the public meeting, which was interesting as it was stated during the meeting that there was already a website. There also seems to be some insider information that is being passed and shared to benefit certain individuals within the project and the county. As we learn additional information about the company and the project itself, there is shady and inappropriate dealings between employees of TVA, the attorney and county officials. All this will come at the cost of the communities of Penrod and Dunmor. I have nothing against solar energy, but I do disagree with it being constructed in the communities of Penrod and Dunmor especially when parts of the complex will within 150 feet of some of our neighbors' backyards. There is plenty of open

land located in Muhlenberg County for solar farms. I want to make it clear, as a landowner myself, I am not looking for regulations or restrict on landowners. We are simply asking for responsibility from and regulations for the solar company leasing the property. If this project is approved, we will have to live with the consequences. Our county and surrounding counties and the world are grappling with this issue. As property owners, we pay taxes; contribute to the community and we value our property and land. I believe that we need to make informed decisions regarding solar and those decisions should not be made hastily as the decisions we make now will be decisions we will have to deal with for many years to come. Thank you for your time and consideration. Erin Groves

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