From: PSC Public Comment

To: Subject:

RE: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00406 - Lost City Renewables LLC

**Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8:37:00 AM

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 <u>View Case Filings for: 2024-00406</u> (kv.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: KY Public Service Commission Public Comments <psc.comment@ky.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 9:43 PM

**To:** PSC Public Comment < PSC.Comment@ky.gov>

Subject: Public Comments for Case: 2024-00406 - Lost City Renewables LLC

Public Comments for Case 2024-00406 submitted by

on Thursday,

February 27, 2025 at 9:42 PM

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Name: Kyle McPherson

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Comments: Dear Siting Board; I am a life long resident of the Dunmor, KY and Penrod, KY community. I am requesting the public hearing for this above case number be moved to our local community. This would allow all local residents that will be affected by this proposed industrial electrical generation facility the ability to attend this meeting. Having any public hearing in Frankfort, KY will cause undue problems and limit some of those who are unable to attend a hearing having to travel that distance. I would also ask that you allow the 1000 feet set back that are stated in KRS 278.704 for merchant electrical generating facilities to remain in effect. The residents of our community have moved to this area or remained in this area all of their life because they do not desire to live next to or in close proximity to any industrial/commercial facility of any kind. This proposed facility will harm property values because of its direct proximity to these

homes and farms. We cherish our privacy and ability to enjoy our property without the threat of accidents and fires that that are a possibility with these facilities. Also the proposed clear cutting of up to 1000 acres of mature timber that is currently removing carbon from our atmosphere will be a detriment to our community. As also noted by increased water run-off and chances for erosion. A fence placed around the property will limit the natural migratory habits of numerous wildlife. This fence will run cross country from state hwy 949 all the way to Forgy Mill Road (which is a county owned road), and then over to US HWY 431. These animals will have to substantially alter their travel routes and can increase animal against vehicle accidents in this area. Not only on Forgy Mill Rd and Hwy 949, but also heavily traveled US Hwy 431. Lost City Renewables has no history of successfully operating a merchant generating facility of this kind and size and using our community as a Guinea pig could cause irreparable damage to our area. I am requesting that 1000 feet setbacks are maintained from any adjacent property owners, state and county roads, right of ways, and utility easements. Not only will this allow the operators to be good stewards of the land but also good neighbors in the community. When this happens everyone can win. I am not against solar energy but I am against installing industrial facilities in rural areas. There are other solar lease options that are currently signed for the adjacent community. Allowing this facility to remain as it is proposed can set a precedent for continued development in this small community. This will over run our area with solar farms. Please allow us to maintain our identity, our privacy and our peaceful enjoyment of our hard earned farms and properties. This facility will not benefit Muhlenberg County with electrical generation in anyway and comments to the contrary are greatly elevated. Muhlenberg County has thousands of acres of unutilized abandoned coal strip mine properties that would be better suited for a facility of this kind. I ask that you take our concerns and request to heart. Once this is here it will remain for most of our lifetimes. A mistake now can change or community as we know it for the rest of our lives. I thank you for your time and consideration with this matter. Kyle McPherson

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