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RE: Letter of Support for Lost City Solar Project (Case No. 2024-00206)

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Kentucky Laborers' District Council (KLDC), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Lost City Solar project (Case No. 2024-00406) in Muhlenberg County developed by Lost City Renewables, LLC. This project presents an exceptional opportunity for local economic growth and the creation of quality union jobs in Kentucky.

The KLDC gives its enthusiastic support to this proposed project in recognition of the substantial economic and social benefits this 250-megawatt solar facility will bring to Muhlenberg County and to the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Lost City Solar project will deliver an investment of approximately \$300-400 million and is expected to create between 500 and 700 construction and linked jobs during its development phase. Importantly, the project developers have emphasized their commitment to employing skilled local union labor, ensuring meaningful employment opportunities for residents of Muhlenberg and surrounding counties. All said and done, Kentucky workers are expected to net over \$43 million in total over the course of construction.

The influx of jobs and investment will significantly boost local businesses, including restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and supply stores, creating a positive ripple effect throughout the local economy. Skilled local workers will keep their money in our communities and raise the tide for the entirety of Muhlenberg County. Moreover, this job will allow new workers to secure a foothold in the construction industry through our renowned training and apprenticeship programs. This will provide a pathway to wellpaying, family-supporting careers working on projects such as Lost City Solar and energy and infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth.

This solar project will also provide long-term financial benefits to the county, generating millions in tax revenues over its operational lifespan. The KLDC supports responsible energy projects like Lost City Solar, recognizing their role in creating sustainable jobs, fostering economic development, and promoting energy stability for our state. We further anticipate Lost City Solar's role in attracting even more development that brings good iobs to the region.

We respectfully urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to approve this important project, ensuring significant and lasting benefits for Muhlenberg County residents and workers. Thank you for supporting good jobs and community-sustaining wages and benefits for Kentucky workers. We are in full and total support of the Lost City Solar Project (Case No. 2024-00406).

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Sincerely.

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